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Camp Grayling unit put on alert

Local fire-fighting detachment may become part of mission

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

A Camp Grayling detachment may be called into peace-keeping duty in Europe for the Bosnia conflict. The local unit has been put on alert.

Unit 1439 Engineer Detachment (fire fighting) has been alerted for possible mobilization to Europe for the peace-keeping effort. This same detachment unit was sent to the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm.

"It is reminiscent of 1990 when the same unit was called for Desert Storm," said Lt. Col. Jerold Foehl, public affairs officer. "I'm sure it brings back memories for the soldiers in the unit."

Foehl pointed out that the one big difference between the two conflicts is the 1996 action is a peace-keeping effort and Operation Desert Storm was a full-fledged conflict.

According to Foehl, the word to send the unit, if it occurred, would come from the National Guard Bureau through the Department of Defense.

The presidential call up is used so military officials can notify the unit soldiers and the soldiers can notify their employers or school officials.

If the local unit was called into duty for the peace-keeping mission, the maximum length of stay would be 270 days (nine months). This time frame extends from leaving home to returning home.

The specific destination for the unit in Europe, if mobilized, is not known, Foehl said. It is not known where the unit would be detached to. The one thing for sure is the National Guard members of the unit would report to the nearest U.S. Army garrison at Camp Grayling.

It called to action, the unit would include 24 units members. The members of Unit 1439 include members from as far south as Wabash, Indiana and as far north as Sault Ste. Marie.

The fire-fighting unit is a traditional guard unit, meaning the soldiers have jobs or attend school. This guard detachment is designed to be a higher state of readiness. The purpose of the unit is to be able to be ready for mobilization at a short amount of time.

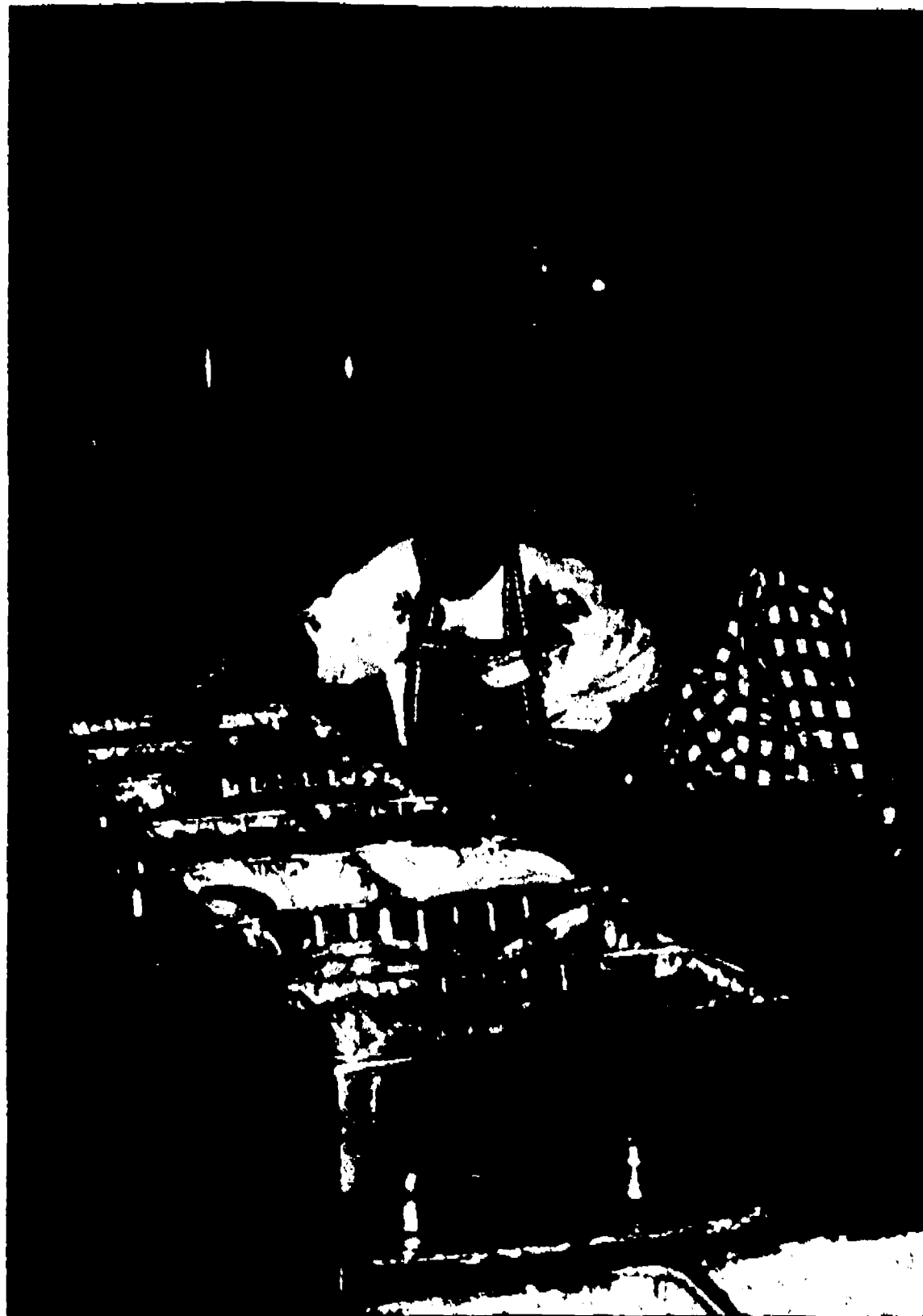
The National Guard soldiers of the local unit drill at Camp Grayling one or two weekends a month, Foehl said. The Grayling area is basically where the unit lives.

According to Foehl, this type of fire-fighting detachment usually is used in two ways: structure fire prevention and retention for buildings or as a back-up crash rescue team near an air base.

The current situation in the Bosnia region is called the NATO Peacekeeping Operation in Europe. The reasoning behind the possible mobilization of these troops is for rotation. These National Guard soldiers would be sent to Europe so other troops could come home to the United States.

The National Guard unit from Camp Grayling is on presidential call up.

Thanksgiving Dinner



TURKEY DAY FEAST — Joyce Sorenson, left, and Sandy Altman get the food ready to serve to Grayling community residents during the annual St. John's Lutheran Church Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey and all the trimmings were prepared by volunteers for the afternoon meal on Thanksgiving Day at the local Knights of Columbus Hall. The proceeds from the donation dinner will go to the Crawford County Christian Help Center for Christmas dinners and groceries for the needy.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

Asbestos tests held by county

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Twenty-four residents showed up for the pulmonary asbestos testing held at the Crawford County Courthouse Monday, Nov. 25.

The courthouse actually was the reason these county employees and courthouse visitors had the asbestos testing done by Dr. William McNamara, the county's physician.

The finding of the asbestos at the courthouse began with the updating of the county building's heating and cooling system on April 22. Testing of the building began July 19, and positive signs of a hazardous element were found.

County commissioners voted July 23 to close the courthouse until it could be decontaminated. After the building was cleaned, the courthouse was reopened July 29.

The testing was available to all county employees and any other individuals who were present in the courthouse from July 18-23.

McNamara could not be reached for comment or results of the asbestos testing as of the time this issue went to press.

County Clerk Register of Deeds Sandra Moore reported about the testing to the county commissioners on Tuesday, Nov. 26. She indicated to the board that 10 to 15 individuals need to seek separate appointments at a clinic.

Reasons for these individuals still needing the pulmonary testing are some could not make the scheduled time or place and some appointments were scheduled because the machine ran out of paper.

The county was charged \$50 for each person tested at the courthouse by McNamara. The commissioners agreed that any person who could not make the testing or their appointment was canceled will be allowed \$50 for an individual appointment.

Moore also mentioned that a parent of one of the children who was at the courthouse during the asbestos exposure time frame wished to take the child to a different center. Commissioners agreed to allow the parent to seek the separate testing and the county would pay up to that same \$50 amount.

Crawford County Chairman Bruce Bretzke also suggested that an information packet about asbestos exposure be formed to "ease these people's minds concerning the asbestos situation." The commissioners agreed with the idea and a packet would be put together for those who are tested.

The asbestos situation at the courthouse originally was discovered when the new heating and air conditioning system was being worked on. While with this new system, one commissioner mentioned another potential problem.

Dennis Long, District 1 county commissioner, said the county rule of "no smoking" in the courthouse has not been strictly followed.

There should not be any smoking in the building, Long told the rest of the commissioners. The state health department rates second-hand smoke as a dangerous problem. It is every bit as serious as the asbestos or anything else.

According to Long, this new heating and cooling system will circulate the same air throughout the building, so it is time to really enforce the "no smoking" rule.

The commissioners decided to have a letter drawn up restating the rules against smoking in the building. The letter will be sent to the county department heads.

Schools receive drug-free schools grant

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

The Crawford AuSable School District received a grant to develop a program on drug use and violence prevention.

According to Pete Ingvarsson, the Crawford AuSable Schools State and Federal Programs Facilitator, the \$23,066 grant will be used for programs aimed at preventing drugs and violence at the middle and high school level.

"Last year's grant money was used at the elementary and primary school level," Ingvarsson said.

The program used last year was called "Singing the Social Skills". It was developed by the elementary staff, with the help of Clyde Holzbauer, the elementary school social worker, when he wrote songs to help students learn and develop their social skills.

According to Ingvarsson, the songs, one for each appropriate social skill, are set to a variety of music. The students learn the songs and then per-

form them.

The social skills involved in the program include not being a bully, losing tempers and other age appropriate social skills, Ingvarsson said.

The goal of the program is to create good listeners and good citizens. "Research shows that this helps students academically throughout their school careers," Ingvarsson said.

"The program has only been around for two years, so it is too early to measure the full impact of the program. However, when you're in the gym listening to the kids perform those songs that they have memorized, absorbed, and internalized you realize the program is having a positive effect," Ingvarsson said.

"This program works to show kids that using positive social skills in school will help them feel like winners. Not only can they be winners, but they have fun learning and singing the songs," Ingvarsson said.

According to Ingvarsson, because the primary and elementary school

program is up and running with all the equipment it needs, this year's grant will provide for programs at the middle and high school.

To decide what prevention programs could be utilized, middle and high school principals, counselors and teachers are meeting to look at prevention programs currently in use at area schools.

The staff is looking at programs that are currently in use in Boyne City, Taylor, Houghton Lake, Adrian and Southfield. "We're lining up visitations to these schools for our staff to see what's out there," Ingvarsson said.

According to Ingvarsson, the social skills learned at the primary level must be earned through a student's academic career and throughout their life time.

"When kids get older, peer pressure becomes more intense so we are trying to find age appropriate programs for the middle and high school students that concern these same social skills," Ingvarsson said.

"One of the priorities of this program design is to find ways to train

and educate the staff," Ingvarsson said. "We want to be able to train, implement and carry on a program our selves in case we do not receive a grant next year."

According to Ingvarsson, one of the programs the staff is currently looking at is the Boys Town Model.

"The district and the parents realize that we have to put a lot into drug prevention so we can ensure healthy lifestyles for our children."

Pete Ingvarsson,

State and Federal
Programs Facilitator

Another program the staff is looking into is a positive peer intervention program.

"We're looking at training a small number of teaching staff and a number

of kids who are good listeners who can listen when other kids have problems," Ingvarsson said. "We're taking a look to see if this is an age appropriate program for us."

"Once we make the program choices, we'll get training and begin implementing the program," Ingvarsson said.

According to Ingvarsson, drugs are available in all communities and all students are faced with making decisions regarding drug use that can impact the rest of their lives.

"The district and the parents realize that we have to put a lot into drug prevention so we can ensure healthy lifestyles for our children," Ingvarsson said.

"Because our message is more than just 'don't do drugs' the students are more apt to listen. If we just repeated 'don't do drugs' every year then the students would certainly tune us out," Ingvarsson said.

"We're listening to them so they know there are other options," Ingvarsson said.

Ice rink being built for Hanson Hills

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Hanson Hills will soon have an outdoor ice rink for skating throughout the winter.

The rink will be located on the end of the parking lot close to the ski lift. "Where the old Polyhedron was," Cindy Olson, Hanson Hills director, said.

The rink will be 200 feet by 87 feet and six inches thick.

The rink is a true community project because the Lions Club has agreed to pay \$2,500 for the rink's

liner.

"The liner will help keep the water in certain areas so the ice is smoother," Lions Club President Dr. Bill Dean said.

"Within three to four years we'd like to have sideboards for a hockey rink, new lights for night skating and a roof over the rink," Dean said.

"The Lions Club would like to carry the project, but if the costs get too steep we'll work with any other club or organization on the project," Dean continued.

According to Olson, the Grayling

Fire Department will allow Hanson Hills to use its pump to help pump the water out of the pond at Hanson Hills, for the initial liner fill-up.

Skating lessons and free skating will be held throughout the skating season. However, a youth and/or adult hockey program is also being considered.

A committee has been established to discuss how to use the ice effectively. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Hanson Hills activity center. Anyone interested in helping is welcome.

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Recount set in District 1

The date — Wednesday, Dec. 11 — has been set for the recount of Crawford County ballots for the District 1 county commissioner race.

The recount will begin at 1 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse. All four of the county board of canvassers members are scheduled to attend.

Norman Bancroft, the Democratic challenger for the county board seat, filed for the recount. The current results from the Nov. 5 General Election show Republican Dennis J. Long defeating Bancroft, 357-279 votes.

The District 1 county commissioner, which Long presently serves as, covers the City of Grayling residents.

The recount process will include checking of the devices the city residents voted on, examining the computer program used to tabulate the votes, and recounting the actual ballots.

A county recount can be scheduled now, because the state board of canvassers met Nov. 25-27 to go over and verify the election results.



COMMUNITY HELPS OUT — D.J. Brown, left, presents a \$100 bill and some cans of food to Gerri Schroeder for the Crawford County Christian Help Center. Brown, vice president of the Grayling Uptown District Association, presented the items collected from the community during the variety show of the Christmas Walk.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

School-to-Work receives grant from jobs group

Project used to help produce
job force for businesses

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

The COOR ISD (Crawford, Otsego, Ogemaw, and Roscommon Intermediate School District) School-to-Work system recently received a grant from the Michigan Jobs Commission.

The \$142,120 grant will be distributed through the Northeast Michigan Consortium and divided between the eight counties the organization serves — Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

However, COOR is also served through Region 7B, which also received a grant.

"School-to-Work is a system to develop a work force for business," Dick Coulter, Director of Career and Technical Education for COOR School-to-Work, said.

"It is a Kindergarten through grade 14 initiative," Coulter added.

According to Coulter, part of the grant will be used to continue a program started two years ago.

For the past two years approximately 87 teachers went into area businesses during the summer to develop lesson plans. These lesson plans allow the teachers to bring business and industry activities into the classroom.

"The teachers want to justify to their students what they teach," Coulter said.

For example, "a math teacher could walk into a business and ask where the business uses algebra. When students ask why they need algebra the math teacher can use an example from the business and industry standpoint," Coulter added.

"The teachers also have to learn what business people want in an employee so they can convey it to the students," Coulter said.

On Jan. 20, 1997, a dinner will be held in West Branch so the teachers involved in the program can evaluate how the lesson plans worked.

The students involved in School-to-Work are given the opportunity to meet with any one of almost 200 businesses involved in the program.

"When we receive the agreement that the business will participate in the program they include a list of what they will provide — paid/unpaid internships, a tour of the facility, etc. — the School-to-Work participants," Coulter said.

"This information is put on a grid. The grid is sent to counselors, as well as teachers," Coulter continued.

"If a student wants to be a plumber he can look at the grid, which is updated daily, and find a plumber involved in the program. Once the students decide what the plumber is offering to School-to-Work participants the student can meet with the

plumber to find out what the job is all about," Coulter added.

"The teachers also have to learn what business people want in an employee so they can convey it to the students."

— Dick Coulter

COOR School-to-Work

According to Coulter, anyone can look at the grid because it is not just available to students.

Another portion of School-to-Work is the creation of a portfolio.

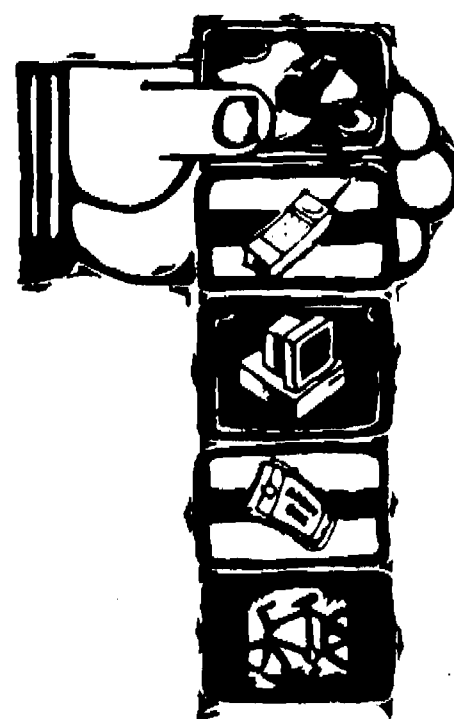
"The businesses involved in the program decided what they wanted to see in a portfolio," Coulter said.

"The portfolio should not be a scrapbook. It should contain documents (attendance records, transcripts, etc.) that will answer the questions employers need to have answered," Coulter said.

The COOR School-to-Work program has been given state-wide recognition.

"We have such a simple system that it works," Coulter said.

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GHS Band concert to be held

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the Grayling High School concert and jazz bands will perform a Christmas concert, beginning at 7 p.m.

The concert band will feature a John Philip Sousa march, island music and a Christmas sing-a-long for the audience as just part of the selections performed by the two bands.

During one of the jazz band selections a guest vocalist will perform.

Another selection to be performed at the concert is "The Light Eternal" which is dedicated to the chaplains who died aboard the USS Dorchester when it was sunk by a German U-boat.

"The composer did a good job depicting the feelings involved in the ship's demise," GHS band director Dennis Ormsbee said.

Crawford men jailed for graffiti writing spree

Three Crawford County men were arraigned Nov. 21 in Roscommon District Court for alleged Breaking and Entering and Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) charges.

According to Roscommon County Sheriff's reports, the arrests stem from an alleged gang-related graffiti-writing spree throughout Roscommon County on Nov. 14.

Kenneth Clayton Halstead, 21, of Frederic, was charged with Breaking and Entering a Building (count one), MDOP over \$100 (counts two and three), Breaking and Entering a Building (count four), Possession of a Financial Transaction Device (count five) and MDOP over \$100 (counts six and seven).

Benjamin Michael Ledezma, 17, of Grayling, was charged with Breaking and Entering a Building (count one), MDOP over \$100 (counts two and three), Breaking and Entering a Building (count four), Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle (count five),

Breaking and Entering a Building (count six) and MDOP over \$100 (count seven).

Kenneth Lee Wood, 21, of Frederic, was charged with Breaking and Entering a Building (count one), MDOP over \$100 (counts two and three), Breaking and Entering a Building (count four) and MDOP under \$100 (counts five and six).

The three were given a Dec. 2 preliminary examination. However, Halstead and Wood allegedly waived the preliminary examination and were bound over to circuit court.

According to reports, Ledezma chose to waive his right of having a preliminary examination within 14 days after his arrest to allow for further investigation. His examination will be rescheduled.

Halstead and Wood are currently being held on \$10,000 bond each. Ledezma is being held on \$15,000 bond. To be released the men must pay the full amount rather than only 10 percent.



EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS—General Manager Dean Smith and Owner Ron Fraser join with their 85 employees after winning the Holiday Inn Worldwide 1996 Quality Excellence Award. This is the third year in a row the local branch has won the award.

Holiday Inn of Grayling wins excellence award

The Holiday Inn of Grayling has won the Holiday Inn Worldwide 1996 Quality Excellence Award for the third year in a row. This award is given only to hotels achieving distinction in all aspects of their operations.

The Holiday Inn of Grayling is one of 11 properties selected from the company's more than 2,200 hotels in recognition of overall quality excellence. In order to receive the

award, the hotel had to receive a high score in the Guest Satisfaction Tracking System, a system designed for guests to evaluate Holiday Inn hotels and their performance, including product quality and customer service.

The hotel was honored during a special ceremony held at the annual Holiday Inn Worldwide Conference in Las Vegas. Ron Fraser, owner of the Holiday Inn of Grayling accepted

the award.

"The Quality Excellence Award demands a strong commitment to excellence that sets the standard for Holiday Inn hotels around the world," said Bryan D. Langton, chairman of Holiday Inn Worldwide. "This honor is awarded to hotels by the people who know us best — our customers. It is my privilege to honor the Holiday Inn of Grayling with this award."

County budget focus of upcoming sessions

The end of the year brings with it the budgeting process for the next year.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners set dates Tuesday, Nov. 26 for an upcoming work session and public hearing in regards to the 1997 county budget.

The six commissioners will hold a budget work session Thursday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. The commissioners each received a proposed tentative budget from Treasurer Joseph Wakeley at the Nov. 26 board meeting. The commissioners were to review the proposed budget and bring any questions or proposed changes to the work session.

The public hearing on the proposed county budget is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

One of the county commissioners has mentioned a change to the budgeting process he would like seen used in the future. The idea is to stream line the budgeting of the county's money.

Commissioner Dennis Long

proposed an idea of setting aside block grants of money for each county department instead of budgeting funds line item by line item.

Long's proposition would give the responsibility of setting aside money for specific items to the county department heads. This would allow the department heads to spend the money where and when it is needed, Long said.

"I'm excited about this idea," said Chairman Bruce Bretzke. "It's progress."

Bob Smock said he thinks Long's proposition sounds like a good idea. The commissioners had planned to discuss the proposal during the Personnel and Labor meeting at 1 p.m. Nov. 26.

However, because most of the department heads were unable to attend the meeting, the budget process will remain the same line-item measure until another meeting is set for January, 1997.

In other county board action, the

commissioners appointed Under Sheriff Kirk Wakefield to the Crawford County Building Authority and Joseph Gonica to the Soldier and Sailor Committee.

The commissioners set their last board meeting of the year for Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. The county's 1997 organizational meeting

is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. The swearing-in ceremony will be conducted prior to the meeting beginning at 9:45 a.m.

South Branch golf course in the works

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

South Branch Township may soon have a golf course community if all goes according to plan.

A public hearing, held Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, will help the director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) decide if state-owned South Branch Township Unit No. 1 should be turned over to the township.

According to township representatives, if the land - located off Chase Bridge Road - is turned over to the township it will be sold to a developer.

The developer will then construct a golf course community.

At the present time details concerning the developer are being kept confidential.

Grayling Township fire destroys Christman home

The cause of a two-story house fire Saturday, Nov. 30, remains under investigation by the Grayling City and Township Fire Department.

Firefighters were dispatched to the structure fire at 3095 Jones Lake Road in Grayling Township, at 3:05 p.m. When fire units arrived at the scene, flames were through the roof.

Fire units were on the scene for five hours. It is estimated that three-quarters of the home was damaged by fire,

water and smoke.

Origin of the fire was in the rear of the two-story home. The owners of the residence are Werner and Diane Christman.

Other emergency services on the scene included Beaver Creek Fire Department, Frederic Fire Department, Lovell's Fire Department, Northflight EMS, Crawford County Sheriff Department, Crawford County Emergency Management and the American Red Cross.

Department launches annual student poster contest

The savings bonds program began the search for its 1998 campaign poster by announcing the 6th annual Savings Bond Student Poster Contest. The contest, for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders provided the artwork for 1996 and 1997 savings bond campaign posters.

"Children give us a fresh perspective on the bond program," said Dino De Concini, executive director of Public Debt's Savings Bonds Marketing Office.

The Department of Treasury started the poster contest in 1992 as a fun way for students to learn the value of savings. The theme of this year's contest is "U.S. Savings Bonds — Invest Today, Enjoy Tomorrow." According to the sponsor of the event, James R. Leva, chairman, president, and CEO of General Public Utilities Corporation, New Jersey, "The poster contest is a wonderful way to begin teaching our children about the benefits of saving for their future."

The first, second, and third place national winners will win a \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 savings bond respectively. The three winners, along

with a parent or guardian, will be flown to Washington, D.C. where they will be honored at a special ceremony.

The winning poster from each state and the District of Columbia will be judged for the national awards. The first, second, and third place winner in each state will win a \$1,000, \$500, and \$200 bond respectively.

Students must enter their posters in each state by February 7, 1997. The poster contest has won the endorsement of major educational groups. Among them are: National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, American Association of School Administrators, National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National School Public Relations Association.

Teachers and parents interested in getting information on how to enter the contest can visit Public Debt's Internet home page (<http://www.ustreas.gov/treasury/bureaus/pubdebt>) or write to: National Student Poster Contest, Bureau of the Public Debt, Savings Bonds Marketing Office, Room 331, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20226.

Help Center seeks more donations

In early October, the Crawford County Christian Help Center informed the community about its needs for the Crawford County Christmas Project.

The Help Center has since received \$1,580 more toward the goal of \$4,000.

However, center officials reported, the usage of the Help Center has increased dramatically since then, making officials realize that the \$4,000 goal may be too low.

Center officials would like residents to keep this in mind when they consider any donations during the holiday period. Interested persons can call the Help Center at 348-6046.

According to other news reports, officials stated that all food pantries in northern Michigan have been busier than in past years. Those in charge believe this is a direct result of changes made in programs from the Family Independence Agency.

"We expect this winter to be difficult for many families, and ask that you continue to support us after the holidays are over, in the generous ways you do in December," a news release from the center stated.

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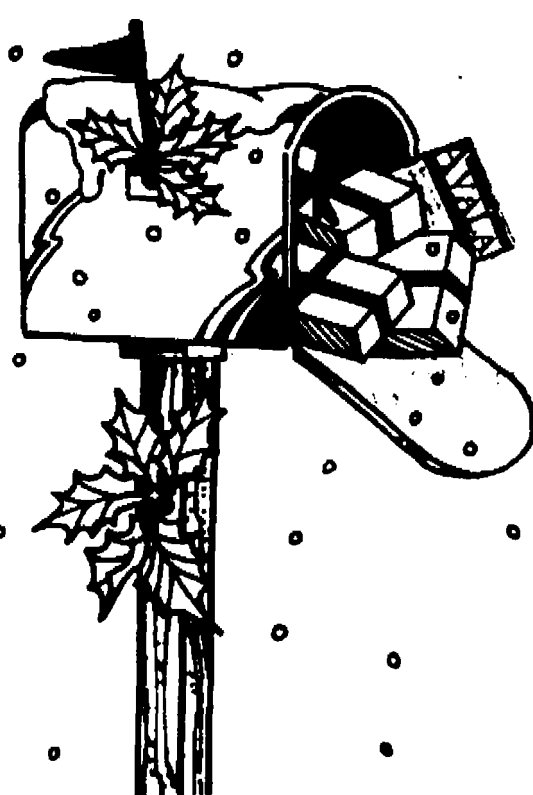
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Saturday - 6:30 pm
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Frederic Township Hall

ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

Didn't you know? GOP won election

WHO REALLY won the big election on Nov. 5, 1996?

President Bill Clinton, busy writing his Second Inaugural Address, thinks he did.

Sen. Carl Levin, now going for 24 years in the U.S. Senate, thinks he did.

Debbie Stabenow, taking a course on how to be a member of Congress, thinks she won.

So do incumbent U.S. Reps. David Bonior, Dale Kildee, John Dingell and others, who fought off well financed and vituperative campaigns from hand-picked opponents.

And so do State Rep. Curtis Hertel and his coterie of legislative cronies, preparing to take over legislative power again.

These folks are all Democrats. They think they won -- and so do Sen. Bob Dole, Ronna Romney, U.S. Rep. Dick Chrysler, Susie Heintz, Pat Nowak and Jim DeSana, all Republicans turned down by voters.

BUT NOT the nation's Republican governors.

Oh, they admit Mr. Clinton received more votes than Bob Dole, and that he has a lease on the White House for four more years.

But Republicans really won.

One of the main themes of the recent meeting of the Republican Governors Association was that Republican ideas and programs, if not specific candidates, won the 1996 election.

"Bill Clinton only won because he convinced a lot of people that he thought like a Republican," said Gov. Terry Branstad of Iowa, incoming chair of the Republican governors.

"Republican ideology won this election, there is no question," said Gov. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey.

But she added a caution: "I'm not sure that the President is going to necessarily follow through on what he said."

MICHIGAN'S GOV. John Engler, outgoing chair of the RGA and host of its session in Grand Rapids, pursued much the same vein.

Gov. Engler claimed Mr. Clinton "eventually won on the merit of Republican ideas," and that Republican ideas, especially as espoused by America's 32 GOP governors, are "the driving force shaping America's future."

It's apparent to most observers that Mr. Clinton over the past year or so has been softening his image and hijacking some Republican positions

-- limited government, tax cuts, reducing the deficit.

He even signed a welfare reform bill of sorts, and has talked of the possibility of a balanced budget amendment to the constitution.

So there's a kernel of reality in what Republican governors contend.

But the fact is that Mr. Clinton got more votes than Mr. Dole; in fact, he won in a virtual electoral landslide.

It's also true that Democrats won control of at least one legislative house in California, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Michigan -- all large pivotal states with Republican governors.

Much of this "we really won" Republican posture is just that. Posturing. It's whistling in the graveyard, to cite an old American phrase.

Democrats won. To think otherwise is delusion, and perhaps dangerous for Republicans.

GENDER GAP -- National GOP Chair Haley Barbour at the same gathering of governors, indicated that countering Mr. Clinton's appeal to female voters should be top priority.

He cited Republican polls that 59 percent of women supported Mr. Clinton, with only 35 percent for Mr. Dole. In congressional races overall,

59 percent of women supported Democratic candidates, and 41 percent voted for Republicans.

How come? One reason could be that Mr. Clinton talks of concerns held important by women, and in ways that reach them.

Maybe it's the little things that count. Mr. Barbour cited Mr. Clinton's talk of school uniforms, neighborhood curfews, and help to pay college tuition.

Earth shattering issues? Not really. The pale beside U.S. involvement in Bosnia, or welfare reform, or saving Medicare, all of which most women care about, too.

But people more easily identify with little things such as uniforms and curfews, and Mr. Clinton is a master at this sort of communication.

Suggested Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham, famed for his political and campaign astuteness:

"Message development needs to be handled differently."

Amen, Sen. Abraham, but only if you want to win elections.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praises, thanks go a long way

To the editor,

Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

Whereas, It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor;

Whereas, Both the houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness";

Now, therefore, I do recommend next, to be devoted by the people of the states to the service of that great and

glorious being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be, that we may thank Him in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country.

President George Washington 1789

What a heritage we have here in America!

But have we forgotten the benefits of praise and thanks to the Author and Finisher of our faith (and nation)?

Look for God's blessings and benefits to come "pouring down" when praises and thanks go up!

Pray for our country -- it very desperately needs it. (Check Psalm 103:1-5).

Rollin Yorty Higgins Lake



Hanukkah is an important Jewish holiday. It is also called the Festival of Lights.

The holiday celebrates the rebuilding of a temple in Jerusalem. After rebuilding the whole temple, a group of Jews called the Maccabees prepared to worship in the temple. But all they could find was

one tiny jar of holy oil to keep the lamp, or Menorah, alight. A miracle happened, and this small jar of oil kept the Menorah burning for eight days. Today, Jews everywhere celebrate Hanukkah for eight days.

Today, when Hanukkah is celebrated, a menorah is lit for eight days. The first night, one candle is lit. Every other night one more candle is lit until all eight are burned.

Another Hanukkah tradition is playing with a dreidel. A dreidel is a small, wooden toy that looks like a top. It has four Hebrew letters carved into it. They stand for the Hebrew words *Ness Gadol Hayah Shom*, which mean "A great miracle happened here." The dreidel is spun and games are played with it.

Long ago, it was a custom to give children a coin after the candles were lit. Today, parents also give Hanukkah gifts to their children—one for each night. Other Hanukkah celebrations include eating special foods like latkes, which are special crispy potato pancakes.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

Question: I'll begin my Christmas shopping this weekend. How can I select safe toys for my children and young relatives?

Answer: Each year, thousands of children are treated in emergency rooms because of injuries inflicted by dangerous toys. Last year, 31 children died from toy related injuries. Hard to imagine, isn't it, that a child's plaything could poke out eyes, smash fingers, burn skin, or cause cuts. Frequently, toys have parts that can be swallowed or cause choking. In the last ten years, nearly 200 children have choked to death on toys.

The Institute for Injury Reduction suggests buying tips that can help you select toys that are safe. These include:

- Don't buy any toys for young children with small, detachable parts or anything that is small enough to fit inside an empty toilet paper roll. This includes marbles, small balls, balloons, stuffed animals with button eyes, doll accessories, etc. An object that fits inside of the empty cardboard roll could slip into a child's throat.
- Don't buy small toys that look, smell, or taste like fruits, candy, drinks, or anything resembling edible items. This encourages little ones to put them in their mouth.
- Avoid toys containing long ropes, chains, strings, or elastic bands that

could encircle necks and cause strangulation.

- Reject toys that have rigid edges that might cut or sharp points concealed under rubber tips.

- Don't use toy chests with lids which might fall and trap a child's head or neck. No lids are best.

- Especially important, don't buy a baby walker which causes thousands of injuries yearly. Children have rolled down steps, out into streets, and into dangerous objects. Their added height enables children to grab potentially harmful items that would normally be out of reach.

- Check for age appropriate labels on toys. Electrically powered toys are for older children and should be used by them only when younger siblings are not around. Adult supervision is still required, and these toys should never be left plugged in.

- Toy wrappings can be just as harmful as toys. Watch out for cellophane, plastic bags, and wire twist ties after the presents are unwrapped. These can easily wander into a toddler's mouth.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Westford, Minneapolis, Kalkaska and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

JIM FITZGERALD

Grandpa tries to avoid some jarring experiences

"Stop me," granddaughter Tricia said. I was pushing her high on her backyard swing. Instead of grabbing the swing and bringing her to an abrupt halt, I said, "Let's just let the old cat die down."

"What are you talking about?" Tricia asked. "The cat's not even here."

Please, someone, say you know what I was talking about. I'm sick of feeling out of touch, as though the world didn't stop, but I got off anyway. According to my newspaper, US magazine listed the 10 most beautiful women in America, and I never heard of most of them.

I never heard of US magazine.

When my father pushed me on a swing, he let the old cat die down. I did the same thing with Tricia's mother when she was small. To let the old cat die down, you simply let a swing come slowly to a halt on its own, rather than grab it in motion and risk jarring the passenger loose.

I don't know the derivation of the expression but, come to think, it probably has something to do with swinging a cat on a rope. If so, I apologize to cat lovers. My intention has always been only to prevent loose passengers, which can be dangerous, especially on a cruise ship.

Handy traveling baby-sitters

In 1991, I spent four straight days at Tricia's home while her parents were occupied elsewhere. My wife said it takes more than one Grandma to baby-sit a 6-month-old boy and his two sisters, ages 5 and 9, and I was drafted. It was a marvelous opportunity to be

reminded of how much this old poop has forgotten.

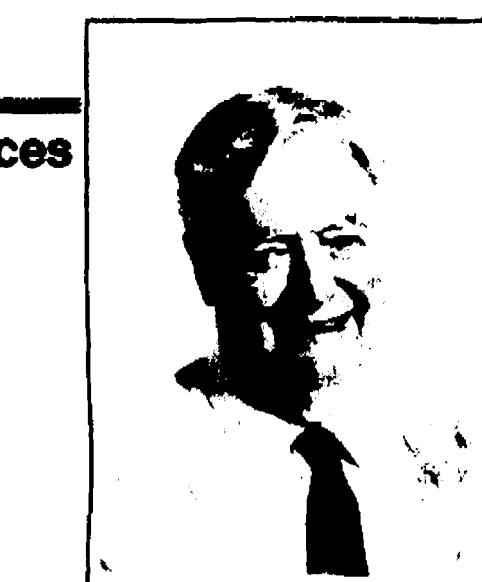
Tricia's nursery school had a special evening program for fathers, so they could see what their children learn in the morning. I was a surrogate father which, gestationally speaking, may be easier than being a surrogate mother. Nevertheless, there is considerable discomfort in stumbling while playing Farmer in the Dell. I'd forgotten you have to join hands with everyone else and run around in a circle, and, if you fall, so does everyone else.

Father-child teams competed to see who could most quickly and skillfully make a duck out of paper parts and paste supplied by the teacher, a saint named Doris Thompson. Tricia and I finished last, and our duck had the biggest bill and smallest wings because I transposed the parts. But Tricia said it was worth it just to see me sit on a chair built for a newborn dwarf.

I spent Saturday afternoon reading a book and trying not to hear the screaming of 500 children celebrating birthdays in a Chuck E Cheese. The only time I looked up was to shovel money into greedy little hands. Chuck E Cheese is a large furry animal who has persuaded children it's wonderful to spend \$50 for a 10-cent prize. Mostly, kids hug Chuck E Cheese, but I understood when Chuck came over to our table and hugged me.

Searing experience for Emily

On Sunday, I was instructed that Emily was to march in a welcome home parade for Desert Storm veterans and I should be curbside at 12:45



because it started at 1 p.m. When one had marched by by 1:45, I bought the local newspaper and read that the parade was at 2 p.m. Saturday. Believing I was 24 hours late, I had inner turmoil, which is an apocalyptic fit that bystanders aren't aware of unless they see the flames coming out my ears.

Fortunately, I soon learned the paper had the time right but the day wrong. When I complained to the assistant editor responsible for searing my ears, he wasn't impressed, even though he was my son. He was making faster progress than I did when I worked at the same newspaper. I wasn't allowed to make such stupid mistakes until I became editor.

Lastly, Tricia persuaded me to ride her dad's umpteen-speed bicycle, whose seat is 2 feet higher than my crotch. The last modern thing I forgot during this baby-sitting stint was that the brakes are on the steering wheel. When I pumped the pedal backwards, after attaining a blinding speed, and the damn bike didn't stop, I let the old cat die down and then walked it back home, walking funny.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Auxiliary raffle winners announced

The winners of the American Legion Auxiliary Craft Show raffles were Lloyd Danner (Mrs. Clause), Betty Mansfield (Santa fisherman), Barb Smock (Christmas pillows) and Juanita Beck (craft basket).

Bowling name needs correction

The Avalanche inadvertently misspelled the name of Krystel Davis, one of the Grayling Youth Bowling Turkey Shootout winners in last week's Avalanche.

COOR approves equipment purchase

At a recent board meeting the COOR ISD unanimously approved the purchase of three computers with 90MHz Pentium Processors at a cost of \$2,400 each; one Hewlett Packard Laser Jet 4 Printer at a cost of \$2,400; two Macintosh LC575 CD Color Systems at a cost of \$1,700 each; a \$500 550 C printer; and an alternative keyboard with a cost of \$1,700.

COOR to attend MASB awards program

It was approved at a recent board meeting to send Crawford, Otsego, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD) board members May Lance and Bernadine Dosch to the Michigan Association of School Boards awards program in Lansing on Dec. 6-8.

Financial aid info to be supplied

A college financial aid information meeting will be held at Grayling High School on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. Dale Schanz from Kirtland Community College will be the presenter. All interested students and parents are encouraged to attend.

Free holiday gift wrapping offered

Shoppers throughout Grayling will be welcome to bring their gifts to the mini-mall midway where a group will wrap their gifts for them on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. K-mart shoppers will have their gifts wrapped right at the K-mart store. This service is provided by the Servant Evangelism Team of the Grayling Baptist Church.

Goal setting meeting to be held

A special meeting will be called Tuesday, January 7, for the purpose of establishing goals for the Crawford, Otsego, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD).

Last movie to be shown at Heritage

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Moody Science Classic video, "Windows of the Soul" will be shown at Heritage Baptist Church, 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd., at 7 p.m. Coffee and fellowship will follow the film.

Legion Aux. to hold Christmas party

The annual American Legion Auxiliary Christmas party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and a \$5 gift to exchange.

Lions drawing winner announced

The winner of the Lions Lucky 13 drawing was Arlene Smith Haslett who won \$100.

Literary Network to hold open house

The Crawford AuSable Literary Network, located at St. Mary's Catholic Church will host an open house on October 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those interested in learning to read or write, or earn their GED or those interested in volunteering to be a tutor should come to the open house. The open house will be held in the church's classrooms.

Red Hacker tourney needs volunteers

There will be a meeting at the Grayling Holiday Inn, Sunday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. for those interested in working on the Red Hacker basketball tournament. Call Mike Shearer at 348-2083 if interested in learning more about the tournament.

Vacancy filled by COOR

The resignation of Frank Schultz, of the COOR ISD Career and Technical Education Director, effective as of Oct. 29, was accepted at the Nov. 13 COOR ISD board meeting. It was also approved to hire James Barr to replace Schultz as the Career Tech Center Automotive teacher for the remainder of the 1996-97 school year.

Welcome Wagon newcomers to meet

The Welcome Wagon Newcomers group will be meeting Monday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. This evening is designed for newcomers to get acquainted. Call Betty Mansfield (348-8562), Mary Lou Passmore (348-5816) or Rose Smith (348-5598).

Forest management meeting to be held at Hartwick Pines

The fourth in a series of forest management meetings will be held at Hartwick Pines on Dec. 16.

According to Bill Rockwell, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Management Division, the meeting was established to discuss tentative findings on prioritizing areas to be improved.

These areas will be studied in depth to find ways to improve the areas. "We manage four million acres of state forest land," Rockwell said. "Some of the areas we could improve include recreation programs, assisting private land owners in land management and assisting with fire prevention."

According to Rockwell, as of this printing it was not known which areas would be given high priority for improvements.

The open meeting will be held at the Hartwick Pines Forest Visitor Center, M-93 North, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Stupak offers comments on emergency snow relief proposal

The federal government should be ready to step in with assistance when unusually heavy snowfalls strike communities as they did in 1996, a U.S. congressman told a federal emergency agency.

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, offered his comments to Federal Emergency Management Agency officials, who are reviewing federal response procedures with an eye toward developing a winter assistance policy.

The FEMA review comes as a result of legislation sponsored by Stupak and Rep. Jack Quinn, a Buffalo-area Republican. Both congressmen represent districts battered last winter by record-breaking snowfalls.

Stupak was responding specifically to existing FEMA guidelines, which say that the impact of heavy snows on community budgets does not constitute an emergency, and that "routine snow removal" was outside the boundaries for assistance.

On the contrary, Stupak said, the federal government has always used financial impact and personal hardship as the real yardstick of what constitutes a disaster.

"Whether the cause of a disaster is flooding, fire, hurricane — like the recent devastation in North Carolina caused by Hurricane Fran — or snow, we gauge the impact of a weather event in terms of the number of people it affects and the magnitude of its financial impact."

Stupak said his northern Michigan district saw a total accumulation of 321 inches, with some areas receiving 250 percent of their normal snowfall.

This type of problem is not a sudden disaster, he said, but it is in effect a "slow emergency," one that strains local resources until communities "can no longer financially deal with the extreme weather, placing lives in danger and compromising public safety."

Stupak noted that FEMA assistance

DNR, state official look to improve snowmobile safety

State Rep. Allen Lowe is working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and a bipartisan panel of lawmakers to improve Michigan snowmobile safety.

"The DNR brought several safety concerns to our attention," said Lowe (R-Grayling). "The top priorities include adding definitions for careless driving and reckless driving to Michigan law."

Other suggested changes include:

- Requiring snowmobile drivers to obey traffic signals.
- Prohibiting drag racing.
- Requiring sleds to come to a complete stop before crossing railroad tracks.
- Allowing townships to pass ordinances controlling the use of trails

that cross frozen lakes.

The proposals were presented to members of the Snowmobile Caucus. The group of Republican and Democratic lawmakers organized in 1995 to maintain trails and promote issues important to the sport, particularly with the onset of legislative term limits.

Lowe and other caucus members amended the DNR plan and hope the improvements can be approved before the 1995-96 session ends.

"While keeping our trails in top shape, we also must remind snowmobile riders to operate their machines safely," Lowe said. "Everyone benefits from responsible owners, and these suggested changes make sense. They deserve immediate passage."



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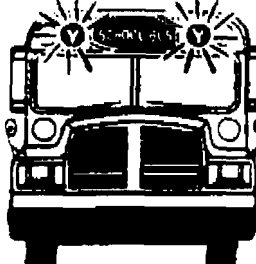
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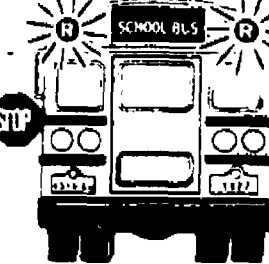
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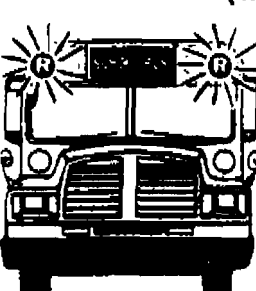
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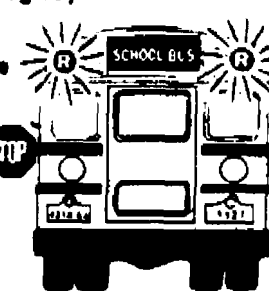
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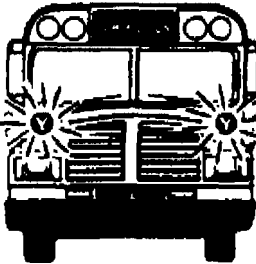
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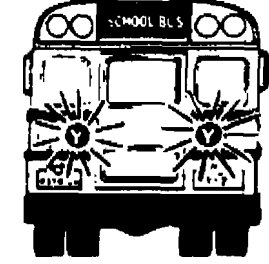
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- HOLIDAY MUSIC SPECIAL @ HS, 7:30 pm.
- AUSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE ASSOC. meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm.
- TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) meeting @ Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call 275-9918 for more information.
- AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE Community bereavement support group meeting @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3-5 pm.
- WRESTLING vs. Gaylord, home, 6 pm.
- 5TH-GRADE CONCERT GE gym, 7 pm.
- COMMUNITY ED CONCERT SERIES Holiday Musical Special, Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm.
- PARENTING WITH A PURPOSE meetings @ New Life Community Services, 9-10:30 am.

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- HANUKKAH BEGINS

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- WRESTLING @ Roscommon, 8 am.
- HONORS BAND WEEKEND @ Petoskey.

SUN.
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- ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
- HONORS BAND CONCERT @ Petoskey.

MON.
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- FRESHMAN BBB vs. Kalkaska, home, 7 pm.
- SURVIVORS OF INCEST & Sexual Abuse meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information.
- WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. Call MaryLou @ 348-5816 for more information.

TUES.
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- HS HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT @ Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7 pm.
- CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon.
- AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm.
- A CHRISTMAS CAROL @ Kirtland Community College, 9 & 11 am and 1 pm.
- GINGERBREAD HOUSE FESTIVAL fund raiser for the R.S.V.P. program.

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- GINGERBREAD HOUSE FESTIVAL auction @ Senior Center, 1-4 pm.
- SINGLE PARENTING EDUCATION group meeting @ New Life Community services, 7-8 pm.
- WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.
- BBB vs. Elk Rapids, home, 6 pm.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

A Religious Right Conspiracy?

I received a book in the mail with a secondary title, "The Hijacking of the Christian Church by the Religious Right." The author was listed as Brother Anonymous. His opening words were, "I am a spy. An undercover agent. I have changed my identity, slipped across the battle lines, and blended into the ranks of the enemy. But no, it's not what you think. I'm not in a foreign country, and I haven't infiltrated another world power. I'm right here in the United States, and the enemy is all around us." He warned that this enemy, ... the religious right, "... is trying to steal this country right out from under us."

The unknown author used such terms as "the sinister hand" of "the voracious Religious Right", a "devilishly clever scheme", of "subliminal techniques", "speaking with forked tongue", a "tangled web of lies and half-truths", "outrageous fraud", "blatant hypocrisy", of "the shadowy world", of "espionage", of being "un-Christian and un-

American", and of "stealthily stealing our country". At the close of his book he said, "As I said at the beginning of this book, the enemy is all around us. Their goal is to take control of our country, to have power over us all, and they will use any means available. They will do it illegally, covertly, immorally, recklessly, unconstitutionally, and by intimidation and violence. The leaders of (he named a large pro-family organization of the Religious Right) believe in oppression and religious terrorism. This anonymous author supported within by liberal preachers has mailed these books across America to stir up national paranoia and fear of what they believe to be an evil right-wing, religious conspiracy.

We answer in the spirit of Proverbs 26:4,5, those religious liberals who accuse religious conservatives of a national conspiracy. The Bible says, "... for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." (Romans 2:1). Even the national media

printed evidence of liberals spending millions of dollars to support international Marxism during the cold war. Liberation theology was the term liberals used in support of international Marxism to bring in "economic justice."

People of faith have always been falsely slandered, and slaughtered: "And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: (37) They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (38) (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." (Hebrews 11:36-38)

Pastor "B"

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Grayling Methodist church presents Christmas play

The time is drawing near for the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church's production of "Touch of a Child." Just a few short days and nights of rehearsals, costumes, lighting, rehearsals, programs, rehearsals, then "places everyone", and it's opening night.

Opening night for "Touch of a Child" is Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Come opening night, the opening night butterflies will be floating about the town of Grayling as if it were the middle of summer. The cast of "Touch of a Child" is headed by Arnold Stancil as Joseph and Bonnie Smith as Mary.

The story is narrated by Pete Ingvarsson. A community event, this formidable Rodgers and Hammerstein production includes members of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church choir, the children's choir and many members of Grayling and

surrounding communities.

It has all been held together by Jerry Gosnell, stage manager and Howard Taylor, director. Musical accompaniment for the production will be provided by Jill Flintoft, pianist, augmented by musicians from the area under the direction of Howard Taylor.

The cast and crew members invite

the public to join them Dec. 11, 12, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m., or Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m., at

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church office (348-2974), Mac's Drugs in Grayling or at the door the night of the performance. Ticket prices are \$3.50 per person.

Support group offered by New Life Community Service

"One out of four of us lived through it, and yet none of us dare talk about it." This is how the Reverend Jacquie Guernsey described the dilemma of adults who survived child sexual abuse.

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Guernsey said that survivors sometimes feel afraid, angry or deeply sad and don't realize that sharing their feelings with others, who have been there, is the answer. Sometimes they don't feel anything because it is not safe to feel. A support group offers a

confidential, safe, non-threatening environment.

Sexual abuse in childhood can cause a sense of guilt and shame for something the person was powerless to prevent. Survivors often have a poor sense of self and do not trust others. It can also lead to a confused sexual identity.

The Monday evening support group is open to anyone over 16 years of age.

Individual counseling is also available. Since funding for this program is provided by the Strong Families/Safe Children Initiative, the only fee required is a \$10 registration charge. Persons interested in the program can call (517) 348-2544.

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Computer club to do another Internet forum

If you missed the last Grayling Regional Computer Club meeting, then keep the date Monday, Dec. 9, open.

The club will have another meeting on the Internet. At the last meeting, the Internet was down due to a fibre optics line break near Cadillac. But the day was saved when a club member, Bob Mammel, gave a blackboard talk on "How the Internet Works."

At the end of the meeting, the club was able, finally, to log onto the net and show everyone what it was like.

At the next meeting, the club members will be logging onto the Internet again, to demonstrate voice communications. They will be using a program called Pow Wow that enables people on the Internet to communicate with each other, both by voice or by chatting with the keyboard on the computer.

The meetings are very informal and they strive to make them interesting to both the computer novice and the advanced user.

Persons interested in the club can call Bud Morgan at 517-348-2548 or Kenny Jones at 517-348-2548. The meeting is set for 7 p.m., and they meet at the Senior Center, Commission on Aging building on Lawndale Street in Grayling.

MILITARY NEWS

Pvt. Donald M. Beck

Marine Pfc. Donald M. Beck, a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Beck successfully completed 11 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Beck and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Beck spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat-water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Beck and fellow recruits worked as a team to solve a number of tactical problems during the program. They performed close-order drill and operated as a Marine small infantry unit in the field.

Beck and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Beck joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

Using your head while giving with your heart

December is the month when people are most likely to open their hearts and their checkbooks.

Whether a person is touched by the season or motivated by a tax deduction, the Michigan Association of CPAs suggests becoming familiar with the rules covering charitable deductions. In order to claim a deduction on a 1996 tax return, a person must mail his/her check or deliver donated property by the last day of the year.

In order to claim a charitable contribution, a person must itemize their deductions on Schedule A of the federal tax return, and the gift must be made to a qualified organization, such as a nonprofit religious, educational, scientific or charitable organization that meets IRS standards.

The amount of the deduction may depend on both the type of charity and nature of property contributed. However, donations to needy individuals and families are not deductible.

In most cases, cash donations are fully deductible. However, if someone gets something in return, they may not be able to write off the full amount of the contribution.

"Say, for example, that your \$150 ticket to a fundraising charity ball includes dinner. If the value of the dinner is \$50, your deduction is limited to \$100, the difference between the price of your ticket and the value of



GOP LEADER — Art Thayer, long-time county Republican chairman, has decided to retire from the post. Thayer is shown introducing Secretary of State Candice Miller, left, at the 1995 Lincoln Day Dinner.

Thayer vacates Republican Party chair

When the Crawford County Republican Party reconvenes for the 1997 session in January, a familiar face will be absent from the chairman's seat for the first time in many years. Arthur Thayer, for many years the ranking county Republican, has turned in his gavel.

His replacement will be Lynnette Corlew, fourth district county commissioner. Joining Corlew at the executive table will be vice chair Jerry Hayes, secretary Sandra Madsen-Moore and treasurer Teresa Kaiser.

Thayer promised that he is not retiring from county politics, but said it is time he played a different role.

"I'll be at all the meetings and I'll take part in all the functions," Thayer said, "but it's time for a new chairman to bring some of the new and younger people into the party."

Thayer accumulated an impressive record as the local party leader. He served as the county chairman for 16 of his 30-plus year political career. He

was a member of the Michigan Republican Committee several times.

In 1996, Thayer was named to the electoral college as a supporter of Robert Dole. Because Dole lost the presidential election, Thayer was unable to cast his electoral vote. He is also directly responsible for making and keeping the Crawford County Republican Party in the forefront of county elected offices.

In his last meeting as chairman of the Crawford County Republicans, Thayer received an ovation from his party for his many years of dedicated service.

Political party involvement came naturally to Thayer due to his education in political science and long career as a government teacher at Grayling High School. Besides politics, since his retirement from the Crawford AuSable School District, Thayer and wife Mary Jane have kept busy seeing the United States with their travel trailer.

The first meeting for Corlew will be on Thursday, Jan. 16 at the county courthouse when the Republicans combine their annual winter convention and regular meeting.

"I've got some big shoes to fill," Corlew said. "I hope to establish a number of sub-committees that will

encourage community involvement and party growth. The first item on our agenda will be to organize the annual Lincoln Day Dinner in conjunction with the Roscommon County Republicans."

"The best I can hope for," Corlew said, "is to leave the party in as good shape when I am done, as Art Thayer left it to me."

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And, when making a contribution of \$250 or more in cash or property value, the person must have a contemporaneous written receipt from the charity. For donations below that amount, a canceled check will suffice.

The easiest way to contribute to charities is to write checks, but donations of property — from used clothing to valuable antiques — can earn tax deductions just the same.

To make the most of charitable contributions, a person might consider the tax advantage of donating appreciated capital gains property the individual has owned for more than a year, such as shares of stock or a mutual fund.

In addition to deductions for contributions of cash or goods to charity, an individual also generally can write off expenses they incur doing volunteer work on behalf of a charity.

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Crawford County board reinstates CESW for garbage pick-up group

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

After some discussion and review of additional information, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday, Nov. 26 in favor of reinstating City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters (CESW) as the county garbage collection service.

CESW had been contracted as the county's garbage collector, but service was suspended when CESW sued Crawford County for \$22 million for allegedly violating the agreement.

With the lawsuit pending, the county suspended the service with CESW until the lawsuit was settled. Crawford County also filed a counter suit against CESW for \$12 million.

The controversies surrounding the CESW landfill stemmed from CESW wanting to accept solid waste from more counties.

A final settlement between the two groups officially was reached Oct. 29. The final settlement was retroactive to Oct. 21.

The settlement between the county and CESW allows for disposal of solid waste from 21 northern Michigan counties with an annual disposal cap for the landfill.

Commissioner Dennis Long said CESW has shown good faith in working out the suit. Now that it has been settled, the county should reinstate service to CESW.

"We suspended the lawsuit and it was settled," Commissioner John Hartman said. "Now we should re-enter into the legal contract."

Commissioner Bob Smock requested information concerning the garbage collection service while CESW's contract was suspended.

The board received the information that the garbage collection was being handled by Waste Management. There was not a contract with this company for any specified length of time. Waste Management was used on a month-

by-month basis.

After this information was presented, the commissioners all voted in favor of reinstating the service contract with CESW except for commissioner Bob McLachlan who abstained from the vote.

The contract calls for CESW to pay Crawford County a base figure of \$75,000 a year for the landfill sale. The price could reach as much as \$150,000 based on the square footage of solid waste brought into the landfill. The cap for the landfill is 900,000 square foot gate yards a year.

The county received a \$75,000 check from CESW recently. The money will be put in a separate fund, because the money is being planned for the hiring of an environmental engineer to watch over the landfill operation.

The county board directed Hartman to contact the health department's environmental officer. The officer will be asked to write a job description of what qualifications for this "environmental watchdog" position should be.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Pvt. Steve (Phil) Anderson was home to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Steve and Dana, and sister, Jamie.

Steve is stationed at Ft. Gordon Georgia, with the U.S. Army. He will be back for two weeks, to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Cheryl Arwood and children, Sarah and Josh Sova, were also in Grayling to spend Thanksgiving with the Andersons, Cheryl's mom, Jean Arwood, and brother, Joel Arwood and children Mike, Jason, Jessie and Krystin.



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MDOT stresses safe driving as winter flurries approach

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"Safety is our highest priority," said State Transportation Director Bob Welke. "We'll be marshalling all of our resources to keep the state's highway system clear of snow and ice in the months ahead. We're relying on our motoring partners to do their part as well to assure safe travel for all."

MDOT expects to spend nearly \$60 million on winter maintenance this

year, more than a quarter of its total maintenance budget. Through its direct and contract forces, the department can mobilize hundreds of snow plows within minutes of the first sign of an approaching storm.

Crews attend to the heaviest traveled highways (5,000 vehicles a day or more) first, keeping them plowed when possible until the pavement is generally clear of ice and snow. Lesser traveled highways are plowed until the center of the road is clear or until the pavement is passable. They are fully cleared later during normal work hours.

While MDOT will be doing

everything it can to keep people moving safely this winter, here are a few things motorists can do as well:

- Be cautious of bridges — they can be icy when the approaching pavement is clear and dry.
- Slow down when visibility is low or when road conditions are snowy/icy.
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MDA announces test results on Michigan apple cider

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant announced that samples of apple cider from 114 of Michigan's licensed cider producers tested negative *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7 (E. coli).

The samples were collected and tests run in response to concern over recent reports of E. coli contamination in cider produced in other states. No cases of E. coli illness from apple cider consumption have been reported in Michigan.

"Although there were only a few isolated reports in other states, the Michigan Department of Agriculture tested samples from all Michigan apple cider producers to provide assurance to Michigan consumers," said Wyant. "We are pleased to report that no E. coli was found."

In response to concerns of the

Michigan apple industry and consumers, the MDA has formed a cider advisory committee to review current cider processing techniques and make recommendations that will further assure food safety.

"Michigan has always rigorously enforced tough food safety standards, and will continue to do so to make sure that consumers can be confident of the wholesomeness and safety of Michigan cider and other products," added Wyant. "The apple industry has shown a genuine interest in making sure that processing standards use the most current and accurate science available, and I look forward to receiving the committee's recommendations."

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Winter Gardening Tips

- During the winter months, mice and bunnies can chew off tree bark at ground level and below. If they

completely girdle a tree, it will die. To reduce the possibility of damage on young trees, a person can circle the tree trunk with chicken wire. The chicken wire should be in place by Thanksgiving.

- When a person receives holiday plants wrapped in foil, punch holes in the foil so water can drain through. If it collects in the planter, it can damage the roots.
- Save your grapefruit and orange seeds for children to experiment with during those boring winter months. They produce attractive plants when planted in a well-drained, sandy soil.
- Keep traffic on your frozen lawns to a minimum to reduce winter damage.
- Save the cardboard tubes from holiday wrapping paper to make biodegradable cutworm collars. Cut three-inch lengths to fit over transplants.
- Turn your houseplants frequently to insure uniform light distribution and straighter growth. Avoid setting them on the television, near heater vents or other sources of heat.

46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court
Appearing before Judge Alton T. Davis on Nov. 18.

Randy Edward Helsel, Grayling, Delivery of Manufactured Controlled Substance - He was sentenced to six months in county jail, with credit for 95 days served, license suspended one year and restricted an additional 305 days. Fees imposed were \$60 to the crime victim fund and \$150 forensics.

Appearing before Judge Dennis F. Murphy on Nov. 1.

Jerry Wayne Rockey, Luzerne, Criminal Sexual Conduct First Degree, jury trial. Sentenced to 25-50 years with credit for 145 days served. Forensics fee of \$150 imposed.

Laverne Ritsema, Grayling, Assault With a Dangerous Weapon, sentenced 32-48 months, 16 days served. Restitution fee of \$355.30 imposed.

Appearing before Judge Dennis F. Murphy on Nov. 13.

Hector A. Villarreal, Grayling, Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree. Sentenced 30-180 months, three days credit, \$150 forensics fee imposed.

DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Margaret May Maier of Roscommon, pled guilty to the charge of Embezzle-Agent \$100 Or Less, and was fined \$210.

Edward James Sturdivant of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560 and placed on six month probation.

Steven John Dutton of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Minor W/ BAC Of .02-.07%, and was fined \$552 and placed on six months probation.

Jeffrey J. Valeck of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Cont Subt-Use Of Marihuana, and was fined \$260.

Jerry Joe Drouillard of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Rec/ Conceal Stolen Prop U/\$100, and was fined \$190.

Steven Donald Gross of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of Alcohol-Sell/Furnish To Minor and Reckless Driving, and was fined \$1,260.

Robert Alan Stabenow of Port Huron, pled guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$560

and placed on six months probation.

Robert Eugene Jansma of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Op Under Influence Of Liquor, and was fined \$660 and placed on one year probation.

Sherry Lynn Condon of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Non Sufficient Funds U/\$50, and was fined \$160.

Raymond Douglas Babbitt of Frederic, pled guilty to the charge of Domestic Violence, and was placed on one year probation.

Jeremiah J. Farmer of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Retail Fraud - Second Degree, and was fined \$210.

Stacie Lynn Mead of Grayling, pled guilty to the charge of Retail Fraud - Second Degree, and was fined \$190.

Timothy Francis Kiscielewski of Dearborn Heights, pled guilty to the charge of Cont Subt - Use Of Marihuana, and was fined \$260.

John Edward Spiers of Grayling, pled guilty to the charges of License Suspended/Revoked and Entered Into Traffic Module, and was fined \$260.

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GRAYLING MASON HONORED — Charles Fick, middle, receives the Meritorious Service Award from Robert Osborne, left. Fick's wife, Marilyn looks on. Marilyn Fick also was honored at the ceremony.

Community requests items from 'decommissioned' sub

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

In addition to a local former Navy man and a city official, other Grayling residents may have an opportunity to see pieces of the soon-to-be decommissioned naval submarine called the Grayling.

Art Thayer, who was a member of the U.S. Navy, is working with U.S. Congressman Dave Camp about possibly getting some parts of the sub for the Grayling community.

Thayer has a strong connection to the Grayling sub. Thayer, his wife and their daughters attended the original commissioning ceremony on June 22, 1967. He has plans to attend the decommissioning ceremony in Groton, Connecticut with Grayling Mayor Robert Golinick. The ceremony is scheduled for mid-December.

Thayer is working for the local veterans' authorities and other community groups to try and get some items from the sub for display.

The Grayling is 292-feet long. She has a 32-foot beam with a displacement of about 4,600 tons submerged. The Grayling is a nuclear-powered attack-type submarine.

"I'm not sure if we will get anything," Thayer said. "I wouldn't want to get people's hopes high, then not get anything."

Some of the City of Grayling places that would like to have something from the sub on display include the legion hall, city hall, county courthouse and the historical museum, according to Thayer.

Camp's congressional office is attempting to put together a wish list of items the organizations would like to request from the U.S. Navy.

The list will be submitted to the Navy soon, said Jennifer Murray, Camp's press secretary. Whoever

wants something has to request it specifically from the Navy. That is why the wish list is being made.

According to Murray, some of the items on the wish list are a deck gun, dishes with the "Grayling" name on them, and an anchor or a defused torpedo for outside display.

Camp's office should hear from the Navy in about three to four weeks, Murray said.

In addition to persons and Navy officials who might want something from the decommissioned sub, there is another city in the United States which may want some items. The city is Grayling, Texas.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

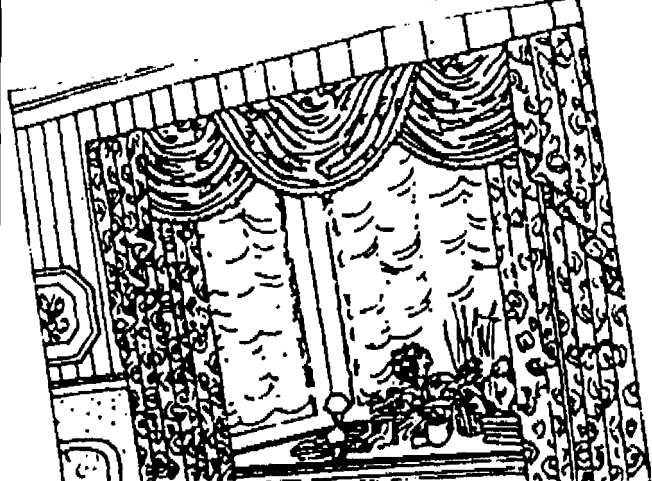
Corwin Thomas George Hilton became Bernice Hilton's twenty-third grandchild to arrive. Corwin was born on Nov. 12, 1966, in Lansing to Mary and Russell Hilton of Paw Paw. He weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces. Grandparents are Tom and Marian Hilton of Lansing and Martha Piper of Oscoda.

Spending the long Thanksgiving Weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bodi was Michelle of Dublin, Ohio. Teresa Bodi, who works as an English teacher in Moscow, Russia, is spending a month with her parents.

Dena Bovee and Bruce Goll and daughter Dena of Dublin, Ohio, spent from Wednesday to Monday of the holiday with her parents, Bob and Fay Bovee.

Russ Stevens of Dublin, Ohio, spent the long holiday weekend with his wife, Jane, and family, the Steve Stevens.

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Hospice group holds remembrance

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Pastor McGuffin and the congregation of St. John hosted the event.

Songs were performed by Tammy and Kendra Menghini.

The annual occasion ended with a time of fellowship between hospice staff, volunteers and families. The many committed volunteers participated in all aspects of this service of hope and healing.

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PRACTICE FOR FUTURE — Victor CdeBaca, a student, and Jim Flickema, a volunteer consultant, role play an effective interview in the Junior Achievement class at the Grayling Middle School.

Junior Achievement focuses on career goals, options

The students aren't the only ones who have returned to school this fall at the Grayling Middle School.

Fourteen adults from the community have volunteered to join the seventh-grade students once a week, to facilitate Junior Achievement lessons and exercises, which are designed to assist the students in assessing their personal skills and interests, explore career options, learn about job-hunting methods and discover the importance of education as they pursue their dreams.

The classes also include exercises in personal and family budgeting, financial management and the proper use of credit. All seventh- and eighth-grade students will participate in the classes this year. This represents a 100 percent increase over last year's program, which only involved one grade level.

Grayling is one of eight communities in northern central Michigan which sponsors Junior Achievement programs.

Plans for the 1997-98 school year

call for the introduction of a different Junior Achievement course for the eighth-grade students, which will teach them the principle characteristics of the U.S. economic system and the role of business. They will also practice business decision-making which will help them understand organization, production, competition and successful marketing.

The program is coordinated by a local advisory committee chaired by Don Schanz, president of the chamber of commerce and human resource director at Weyerhaeuser. The community's businesses and service clubs provide the funding for the Junior Achievement program, and many of them also provide the volunteer consultants.

Persons wishing to participate in the Junior Achievement program as funders or as volunteer consultants may contact Bill Blackburn, manager of Northern Service Office of Junior Achievement at (616) 348-9766.

Traverse Symphony Orchestra to perform at Kirtland

The Traverse Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Resident Conductor Maestro David Holland, will perform a holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. in the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium on the campus of Kirtland Community College.

The evening will feature traditional Christmas favorites highlighted with the lyrical tones of guest artist, soprano, Nicole Philibosian. Philibosian, who makes her home in Interlochen, has sung to distinction with organizations such as the New York City Opera, the Hawaii Opera Theatre, the Fort Worth Opera, the Wolf Trap Opera, the Chamber Opera of New York and many other prominent companies.

The evening will also premiere West Branch violinist Matthew D.

Penniman, Matthew, a junior at Ogemaw Heights High School, was hand selected by Holland to perform a segment of the program with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. Matthew studies violin with Rod Bieber of the Midland/Saginaw Symphony Orchestra.

The evening will feature selections from "The Nutcracker," "Ave Maria," "Deo Gracias," "I Wonder As I Wonder," "Carol of the Bells," "Sleighride," "O Holy Night" and others. Audience sing-a-longs will fill out the evening.

Persons interested in tickets for the event can contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at 517-275-6777. This event is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lee Ward

Hall-Ward united in marriage

Carolyn S. Hall announced the marriage of her daughter, Phyllis Jeanne, to Rodney Lee Ward of Avon Park, Florida, son of Mrs. Jewell Ward of Grayling and the late Charles Gilbert Ward.

Phyllis is employed by Home Express of the Virginia-Pilot. Rodney is self-employed as a landscape engineer.

The wedding took place Aug. 17, in Avon Park, Florida.

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| MGT 400 | Leadership Effectiveness Analysis | Tuesday |
| MGT 300 | Principles of Management | Tuesday |
| CIS 101 | Computer Information Processing | Tuesday |
| ACC 342 (5 wks) | Michigan Taxation | Wednesday |
| CIS 151 (5 wks) | Micro. App./Spreadsheet (Begins 2/17) | Wednesday |
| ECO 201 | Macroeconomics | Wednesday |
| COM 121 | College Writing I | Wednesday |
| ACC 235 (5 wks) | Accounting Applications/Microcomputer | Thursday |
| ACC 236 (5 wks) | Payroll Applications/Micro. (Begins 2/17) | Thursday |
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Getting a home ready for winter

As the first cold streak of winter blows through Michigan, home owners are turning on their furnaces and bundling up near fireplaces. But home builders caution that homes need to be prepped for winter before the worst part of the season hits.

"Home owners should get in the habit of looking over their home once a year, before winter sets in," said Jerel Konwinski, president of the Michigan Home Builders Association. "A few minutes now in winter preparation could save them thousands of dollars later."

Experts agree that one of the most important things to do for winter preparation is to disconnect any outside water hoses hooked up to the house.

"If you don't disconnect the hose, any water left in it will freeze, and continue to freeze right up into the pipes in your home," said Tom Barber, owner of an area construction business. "Disconnecting the hose is one of the easiest things to do, but if overlooked it can cause serious damage."

Pipes that have frozen in the past can also be a concern as winter approaches. Mike Harris, owner of a construction company, suggests

checking for a history or indication that pipes may have frozen in the past.

"If you know that it has happened, or think that it has, you should get some insulation around those pipes," Harris said. "You can buy foam insulation, molded to fit around the pipes, at any local home improvement store."

Harris also suggested the pipes under the sink could benefit from extra insulation as well during the cold months.

"If you put your hand under the sink and feel a flow of cold air, the pipes might need that extra protection," he said.

Insulation is another key area to check out in the winter, and Harris suggests heading first to the attic. Experts agree there should be at least eight inches of insulation throughout the attic.

"If the house is more than 20 years old, you probably need additional insulation," he said. However, Harris cautioned against packing insulation between the roof and the top of the outside walls.

"There needs to be a little bit of room between the insulation and the roof so the air flows along the bottom side of the roof. If the insulation is shoved up against the roof and the outside wall, you could get water spots on the ceiling of the room below," he said.

Barber also suggests walking around the outside of the home, and looking for obvious problems, such as cracked

caulking around windows and doors, and checking for evidence of torn weather stripping.

"Home owners should also take a look at the foundation, and check for cracks and holes," Barber said. "Mice will be looking for a warm place to go, and they can squeeze in there." Barber also suggested checking for holes going from the garage to the house for the same reason.

The roof is another area that should be checked for obvious problems. Barber suggested he said the easiest way to look for missing or torn shingles, to check if the roof antenna is securely attached, and to see if the chimney has suffered any obvious damage is to use a pair of binoculars. In addition, stand inside a dark attic on a bright day to spot possible leaks where sunlight filters in.

Both builders agree that most winter preparation can be done by the home owner, but for larger jobs, such as chimney cleaning, or insulating wall cavities, it is best to consult with an expert builder or remodeler.

The Michigan Association of Home Builders is comprised of more than 11,000 member companies, providing service to more than 400,000 people in the home building/remodeling/construction industry. The Michigan Association of Home Builders also represents 36 local home builder associations throughout the state.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period Dec. 4 through Dec. 11, 1996.

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on Dec. 6 and cease on Dec. 8.

The Small Arms ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on Dec. 6 and cease on Dec. 8.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military) Road. Firing will begin on Dec. 6 and cease on Dec. 8.

Range 13, Mortar Range located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road. Firing will begin on Dec. 6 and cease on Dec. 8.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Firing will begin on Dec. 4 through Dec. 8, and Dec. 8 and Dec. 10 through Dec. 11.

For further information, call (517) 348-3708 or 1-800-628-5820.

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November is National Hospice Month, and in celebration, Hospice of Michigan would like to thank their staff, volunteers and all community members who have given their love and support to the many patients and families served throughout the year.

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Fraud increases sharply following natural disasters

Con artists increasingly take advantage of natural disasters to defraud people at a time when they are most vulnerable, according to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Disaster survivors are easy targets because their guards are down and they need assistance. Older people, always a major target of scams, are even more vulnerable following a disaster.

In one case, reported in a new AARP Senior Consumer Alert, an 84-year-old woman lost thousands of dollars following the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake after receiving a call from someone who claimed to work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

As a follow-up, the woman signed documents that she believed were for

food stamps and FEMA assistance. Instead, they were for an \$18,000 mortgage that ended up financing only \$5,000 of repairs to her home.

"Con artists see disasters ranging from hurricanes to the Oklahoma City bombing as opportunities," said AARP Consumer Affairs Manager Katie Smith Sloan. "People must learn that these types of fraud exist, and that they can take steps to avoid being taken, as well as legal action to seek relief if they are defrauded."

AARP's consumer alert, "No Calm After the Storm," outlines a number of post-disaster scams. The most typical include:

- Price-gouging, where merchants illegally raise their prices for products in demand, including food;
- Insurance disputes, in which payment of claims is delayed or denied and,

in some cases, insurance companies go bankrupt due to the large number of claims;

- Home repair contractors who disappear with deposits, do not complete a job, perform poor quality work, charge inflated prices, or are unlicensed or unregistered;

- Impostors claiming to be government officials who, for a fee, will help a person qualify for disaster relief; others gain access to homes by posing as utility or water-testing representatives;

- Loan schemes that require borrowers to pay an up-front fee for a "guaranteed" loan; and

- Solicitations for bogus disaster-relief charities.

There are a number of actions that can be taken to seek restitution, including arbitration or mediation, breach of contract claims, and

seeking to have a court vacate a lien on property if fraud can be proven.

Consumers can report fraud and seek information from their state's attorney general's office, or the state or local consumer affairs offices.

"The best way to avoid fraud is to resist being pressured into any quick decisions or actions," said Sloan. "Ask questions, think about it, and check the appropriate resources, including an attorney if necessary."

AARP is the nation's largest organization for people 50 and older. It serves their needs and interests through legislative advocacy, research, informative programs and community services provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country.

COA sets bad weather policy

Basically, the Commission on Aging's (COA) policy for closing is based on school closing. If the schools are closed, then the commission is closed.

However, in the event the COA offices have to close early (or they can't open at all), announcements will be made on both local radio stations — WGRY/WQON and WCLS — and also on TV channels 8/29 and 7/4.

Home-delivered meal recipients are provided with extra meals for their freezer to tide them over on such snow-days. The commission will call them to make sure they are prepared.

Every effort will also be made to contact the regular congregate people to let them know COA is not open and to make sure that they have food in the house.

But, if for any reason, any seniors find themselves stranded without food and unable to get out, they can call the city police at 348-4621 or the sheriff at 348-6341 and the commission will get meals to them.

Foot health and aging

Many of America's seniors are taking steps to improve their health by putting a new focus on their feet.

Preventive foot care can help older people live more comfortably; it also reduces the chances of hospitalization because of infection and limits the possibility of additional medical problems, says the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA). Many of the first signs of systemic conditions such as diabetes, arthritis and circulatory disease appear in the foot. Among these are dry skin, brittle nails, numbness and discoloration. Professional care is needed when these signs appear.

If arthritis is affecting the structure and function of the feet, symptoms often include swelling in one or more joints; recurring pain or tenderness in any joint; redness or heat in a joint; limitation in motion of a joint; early-morning stiffness; and skin changes, including rashes and growths. Even bunions can be manifestations of arthritis.

The control of foot functions with shoe inserts called orthoses, or with braces or specially prescribed shoes, may be indicated; surgical intervention involving the replacement of damaged joints is a last resort.

Here are some foot health tips that people of any age would be wise to follow:

- Walking is the best exercise for your feet.
- A shoe with a firm sole and soft upper is best for daily activities.

- Socks or stockings should be the correct size and preferably free of seams.

- Do not wear constricting garters or tie your stocking in knots.

- Never cut corns and calluses with a razor, pocketknife or other such instrument.

- Bathe your feet daily in lukewarm (not hot) water, using a mild soap.

- Trim or file your toenails straight across.

- Inspect your feet every day or have someone do this for you. If you notice any redness, swelling, cracks in the skin or sores, consult your podiatrist.

Holiday Dances

The first dance will be on Tuesday, Dec. 3 with Tina Kennedy at the organ for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The second dance is in conjunction with the annual COA Christmas dinners on Dec. 20. They will be serving dinner at 12:30 and 5 p.m. with the dance in-between, just as they did for the Thanksgiving dinner. Those who don't wish to drive after dark can come, have dinner, dance and leave before nightfall. If it doesn't make a difference, then come for the dancing and stay on for dinner at 5 p.m. In either case, reservations are not only requested, but needed to equalize the two dinners. Call or stop in the COA office to make your reservations, and be sure to specify the time you want to come. Call 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

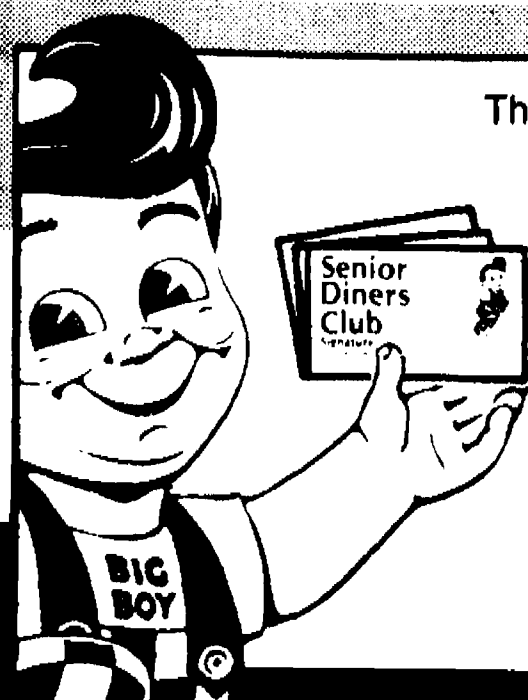
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Public schools' finances depend on court case

By Angela K. Sikkema
Capital News Service

A legal case under debate for almost a generation soon will determine the financial fate of many public school districts, but could prove devastating to the state budget.

The Michigan Supreme Court agreed to hear the state's latest appeal in a lawsuit brought by Donald Durant, a school board member from Warren's Fitzgerald Public Schools. Now, 83 other districts are embroiled in the lawsuit.

The districts claim, under the Headlee Amendment to the state Constitution, the state isn't financing its share of costs for mandated programs such as special education, bilingual education and driver's education. They contend the Headlee Amendment requires the state to pony-up the money.

Robert Fein, assistant superintendent of business and personnel of the Holland Public Schools, said the district has made drastic budget cuts because of insufficient state aid.

"This year alone, we've already cut \$600,000 and we're looking at cutting a million and a half dollars next year," Fein said.

The Supreme Court agreed to consider a lower court ruling that would award anywhere from \$500 million to \$3.5 billion in back-aid to public schools. Without that money from Lansing, districts such as Holland may face a drastic budget crunch.

According to the Department of Management and Budget, the Holland schools stand to gain \$4,879,882 from the litigation. And with 142 of its 4,747 students classified as "at-risk," Fein said the back payments are critical.

John Truscott, Gov. John Engler's press secretary, is thrilled the court granted the request for a hearing, because this is the most expensive issue the state has ever faced.

"We have absolutely no way to know how much we'll have to pay, but if we do, it will be devastating to the state budget," Truscott said. "We would

have to put a freeze on discretionary programs and state departments for an indefinite period — it would have a serious impact on everything we fund."

Truscott said the governor believes many of the programs are federally mandated and, therefore, the state shouldn't have to pay.

But Julius Maddox, president of the Michigan Education Association, firmly disagrees. The Headlee Amendment "protects mandated school programs by requiring the state to continue paying the same proportion of the cost of those programs as it paid in 1978."

Although the Holland district has made cuts, Fein said it has so far managed to avoid cutting instructional activities — ranging from classroom education to special education.

Maddox also hopes that statewide cuts will be slim and will not jeopardize special education or schooling for at-risk children.

"We can say that wiping out important programs or shifting resources away from children at risk without seeking input from those who are most affected isn't the answer — our children must be a higher priority," he said.

Linda Bruin, legal counsel for the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), said the organization would like to see an outcome that best benefits both the state and public education.

She added that because the state has been aware of the case for 17 years, it should be able to properly fund the school districts if the districts win the appeal. "It's difficult to be sympathetic toward the state after they've known about it for so long," she said.

Initially, the MASB helped Warren's Fitzgerald school district with litigation fees, but Bruin said legal costs simply became too expensive.

While many legislators and public-education supporters await the final outcome of the Supreme Court case, controversy has been sparked once again with a legislative threat of eliminating mandatory special education.

"Some in the Legislature are already looking for a way out," Maddox said. "There's talk of eliminating the state mandate for special education — one of the few remaining school requirements."

Despite such speculation, Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, doesn't anticipate elimination of the special-education program.

"We don't need to threaten special education and at-risk programs," said the vice-chair of the House Education Committee. "There may be eventual attempts to cut these programs, but I'll oppose any legislation that attempts to cut them."

Agee said because the lack of funding for mandated programs violates the constitution, the Supreme Court shouldn't even hear the governor's appeal.

Although he sides with the 84 districts, Agee said the state doesn't have the kind of money that the lower court decision would require.

"What this really points to is that we haven't put near enough money into public schools. We need to quit pointing fingers and find a solution," he said.

Agee hopes that all the competing interests will work together, with the governor acting as a negotiator. Because the state lacks the funds to settle up front, he wants to concentrate on ways to relieve the situation.

"We can do more to fund programs in the future and also look at how we're funding education generally," he said.

Maddox agreed on the need for cooperation. "Surely we can find a way to work together — educators, parents, politicians and the community — to make good on our constitutional responsibility to maintain and support public education."

The state now has eight weeks to file written arguments with the court and the schools then have five weeks to respond. Oral arguments will be held in April, with a final ruling by July 31.

MILITARY NEWS

Pvt. Dean O. McNicholl

Marine Pvt. Dean O. McNicholl, of Roscommon, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

McNicholl successfully completed 11 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

McNicholl and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, McNicholl spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which include learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat-water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

McNicholl and fellow recruits worked as a team to solve a number of tactical problems during the program. They performed close-order drill and operated as a Marine small infantry unit in the field.

McNicholl and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

McNicholl joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

McNicholl is the son of Thomas A. McNicholl, also of Roscommon.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Scott and Shelly Hamlin are the proud parents of a baby boy, Austin Mitchell, born on Oct. 30 at the Mount Pleasant Community Hospital.

Grandparents of the new baby are, Ann Hamlin of Grayling and Virginia Spenceley of Cheboygan.

Ann Hamlin spent a week at the Scott Hamlins of Lake, caring for Aaron, Adam and Andrew.

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NEW GMS TEACHER — Susan Weidenaar — middle school language arts, reading and French instructor — collects an assignment from a student. (Angie Floriano Photo)

Middle School gets new reading, language teacher

By Nancy Lemmen
Special Writer

Susan Weidenaar joined the Crawford AuSable School District faculty this fall to teach seventh grade reading, eighth grade language arts and sixth-eighth grade French at Grayling Middle School.

In her new position, Weidenaar said she hopes "to make the subjects I teach relevant to the lives of my students, to teach them that education is a life-long process and it's something they need to take responsibility for."

Weidenaar graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids with majors in English and secondary education and a minor in French.

She made the dean's list — the collegiate equivalent of the honor roll — all four years and won outstanding achievement awards in music studies and piano.

She did her student teaching at Wyoming Park High School.

During the summer, she works as manager of the Leland Harbor House.

Weidenaar said she applied for the teaching position at the middle school

because "it seems like a very positive environment and a very friendly staff."

"I have heard nothing but good things about (the school district)," said Weidenaar. "I am very excited at working here. Everyone I have met has been very nice and welcoming to me, and I appreciate that."

Michael Branch is principal of the middle school, where Weidenaar is employed.

"(Susan) is a very organized young lady," said Branch. "The lesson plans she turns in are excellent in both subject areas. She has developed a real good rapport with her students and she's working very well with our staff here

at Grayling Middle School."

Curt Finch was a member of the interviewing team and is also the assistant principal in the building where Weidenaar works.

"Her educational philosophy, demeanor and personality fit well with the GMS program," said Finch.

Weidenaar — who has played the piano for 16 years and competed in basketball and volleyball in college — said she hopes to get involved in the music and athletic programs at GMS.

She has two sisters — one a school social worker, another employed by IBM — and a brother who is a high school teacher in Georgia.

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OBITUARIES

Duane Petrie

Duane G. Petrie, 64, of Grayling died Friday, Nov. 29, 1996 at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

Mr. Petrie was born in Saginaw, on Dec. 24, 1931, to Glenn and Margaret (Gere) Petrie, who preceded him in death. He lived in Grayling for 18 years. His previous residence was Freeland. He was employed as a clerk, registered mail room, U.S. Postal Service in Saginaw.

Mr. Petrie was a Deacon at Mt. Victory Assembly of God Church in Gaylord.

Mr. Petrie is survived by his wife, Patricia E. (Klug) Petrie. They were married for 25 years.

He also is survived by three sons and nine daughters: Michelle Petrie; Elizabeth and husband James Bakeman; Patricia Tidwell; Amy Meldrum and husband Esteban Oyenne; Lydia Crampton; David and wife Kaye Petrie; Melissa Meldrum and husband Thomas Aaberg; Debra Thompson; Daniel Meldrum; Christina Meldrum; James Petrie; Sarah Petrie.

One sister, Margaret Leckrone, and 19 grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held at Mt. Victory Assembly of God Church in Gaylord on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 4:30 p.m. Pastor Arthur Rhoades was the officiating clergyman. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

Pallbearers were David and James Petrie, James Bakeman, Esteban Oyenne, Thomas Aaberg, Adam Crampton, Joshua Petrie and Jeffery Galvez.

The family suggests memorials to Mt. Victory Assembly of God, Gaylord.

Lura Smith

Lura Irene Smith, 97, of Roscommon, formerly of the Flint area, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1996 in Roscommon.

Mrs. Smith was born July 1, 1899 in Atlas Township, the daughter of Thomas F. and L. Belle (Cummings) Paddison. She married Francis Beryl Smith in 1919, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 13, 1974.

She lived in Atlas Township and Goodrich area until moving to Flint in 1942. She was a charter member and past matron of Goodrich Chapter O.E.S., member of Court Street United Methodist Church, life member and volunteer of Goodwill Industries Auxiliary, member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and member of the Goodrich Women's Club since 1922, member and past president of the Columbian Club of Flint.

Mrs. Smith was very active in other clubs and organizations and volunteer work.

She is survived by a son, Donald L. and wife Margery Smith of Grayling; son-in-law, Howard Vauter of Flint; six grandchildren, Martha A. and husband Greg Skindzier of Troy, Marilee and husband Terry Marsh of Grand Rapids, William H. and wife Diane Vauter of Grand Blanc, Nancy Jo and husband William Krouse of Defiance, Ohio, Patricia L. and husband Peter DeJournan of Oviedo, Florida, Thomas B. and wife Jodee Smith of Rockford; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, and her daughter, Lucile E. Vauter on April 24, 1990.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek. Rev. Wetherly Verhelst officiated. Interment was in Goodrich Cemetery.

G. Jerome Kessler

G. Jerome Kessler, 83, of Grayling, died at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw on Nov. 30, 1996.

Mr. Kessler was born in Cheboygan on May 24, 1913 to Louis and Lulu (Cassidy) Kessler. He lived in Grayling for 80 years with his wife, Madelyn "Billie" Kessler.

Mr. Kessler was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling; served on the school board for 17 years and held all offices including president for two terms; was secretary of Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce when the canoe race was begun and was one of the founders.

Mr. Kessler had been the assistant postmaster at the Grayling Post Office where he worked for 37-1/2 years. He was the last surviving postal employee from when the new post office was built in 1937. Following retirement from the post office, he became the owner-broker of Milltown Realty for 10 years.

Mr. Kessler is survived by four sons: George and wife Nancy Kessler of East Lansing; Roger and wife Phyllis Kessler of Midland; James and wife Rosie Kessler of Saginaw; Thomas and wife Georgia Kessler of Lansing; and step-daughter Sharon and husband Tony Beck of Taylor.

Also surviving are grandchildren Lisa Nicks, Lori Boleman, Mike Kessler, Maureen DeYoung, Karen Lipscomb, Kevin Kessler, Brian Kessler, Carla Kessler, Cheryl Kessler, Cynthia Kessler; and step-grandchildren Mary O'Barr, Kerry, Jim and Dan McKillop.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. Reverend James A. Holtz officiated. Burial of ashes will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

The family suggests memorials to the G. Jerome Kessler Scholarship Fund through Grayling High School Alumni Association.

Floyd Iverson

Floyd R. Iverson, 79, of Grayling, died Nov. 30, 1996 at the Meadows of Grayling.

Mr. Iverson was born in Baldwin Township, Delta County, on Feb. 20, 1917, to Emil & Eva (Williams) Iverson. His wife, Mildred Mae Iverson preceded him in death on Oct. 3, 1984.

Mr. Iverson lived in Grayling and Frederic for 21 years. He was previously of Gaylord. Mr. Iverson was a wood cutter, life member of Grayling Memorial Post 5832 VFW, took part in the Normandy Invasion in World War II and was in France and Germany with the U.S. Army. He received the Purple Heart and was awarded the Silver Star.

Mr. Iverson is survived by five sons and three daughters: Eva M. Lohr of Indiana; Emil R. Iverson and wife Mary of Mount Morris; Floyd M. Iverson and wife Ena of Grayling; Judy A. Maxom of Harbor Beach; Ivan O. Iverson and wife Roxie of Lake, Robert J. Iverson of Jackson; Julie M. and husband Benny Sawade of Grayling; and Earl A. Iverson and wife Peggy of Midway, Georgia.

Other surviving relatives are: one brother, Monrad Iverson and wife Honey of Powers, three sisters, Ellen Hukman and husband Bill of Rhinelander, Wisconsin; Florence Hutchinson of Wausau, Wisconsin; Ruby Winton of Escanaba; 29 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Garfield Township Cemetery in Lake, with military rites conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

Elsie Singer

Elsie A. Singer, 76, of Grayling died Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996 at Mercy Manor in Grayling. She was born in Detroit on April 1, 1920 to Adolph and Lydia (Reichelt) Baumert.

She married Kenneth on July 17, 1943 in California, and was widowed on Dec. 10, 1974.

Mrs. Singer was a homemaker, previously from Sterling Heights, and resided in Grayling for one and one-half years.

She is survived by nieces Judy Owen, Cindy Denewett, and Peggy Ward; a nephew, Stafford Cowles. Also her extra special extended family: Cynthia and James Green of Grayling, the Greenchildren: James Jr. and fiancée Heather, of Grayling; Barbara and husband Chris Moran, of Bowling Green, Ohio; and the Green grandchildren, Felicia and Zachary of Bowling Green, Ohio.

A committal service was held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery in Mt. Clemens on Nov. 27 at 1 p.m.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Hazel Burden

Hazel D. Burden, 94, of Grayling, died Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the Meadows of Grayling.

A viewing will be Thursday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home in Grayling.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling.

A full obituary will appear in the next issue of the Avalanche.

Card of thanks

The family of Ruth Caid gratefully acknowledges all the kindness bestowed.

Special thanks to Dr. Charles Todoroff, Mercy Hospital and staff, The Meadows of Grayling and staff, and Sorenson Funeral Home.

Prayers, flowers, the Ladies Club dinner, and all the thoughtfulness will be held close to our hearts.

The Family of Ruth Caid

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The family of Hugo Somero would like to thank Charles Fick and helpers, Gene Rauch and John Small, for building a much-needed ramp at our home.

Our very sincere gratitude, and may God bless you all.

The Somero family

HOMETOWN NEWS

Sean Mirate, son of Jeffrey and Karen Mirate of Grayling, was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society in November, at Western Michigan University.

To be inducted, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.65 or better, and be in the top 15 percent of their junior or senior class.

Sean, a senior, is a piano-performance major at Western.



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When visiting the Icehouse, I saw Kay, an Icehouse employee, filling a wagon with candles, potpourri, teddy bears, quilt supplies and numerous Christmas items.

These wagons could also be filled with many of the gourmet food products available at the Icehouse.

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unusual gourmet foods, as well as cookbooks, are available to fill the wagons.

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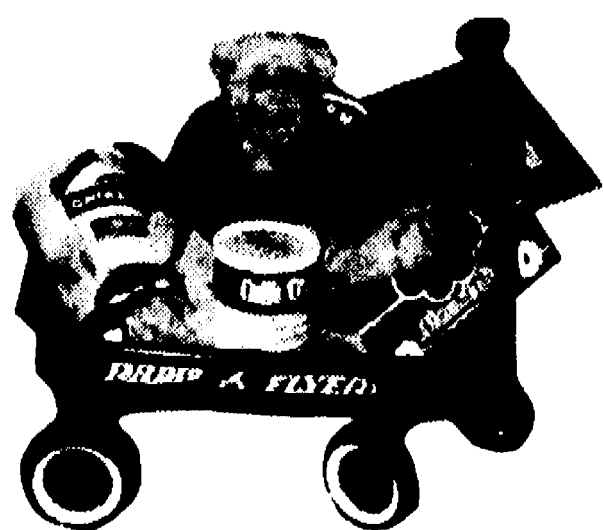
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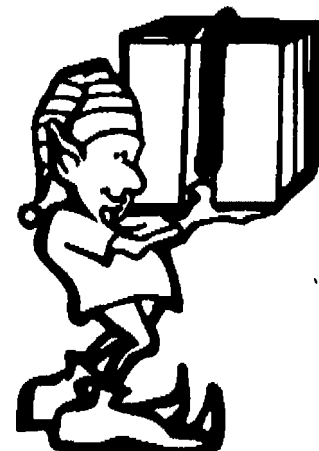
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CMU HONORS BAND -- Seven members of the Grayling High School band recently became members of the Central Michigan University Honors Band. They are (front, from left) Jessica Scott, flute/piccolo; Erin Scott, French horn; (back, from left) Annie Becks, flute; Amy Martella, flute; Tim Ormsbee, tuba; (not pictured) Jessica Becks, flute; and Brandy Plutko (baritone saxophone). Auditions for the honors band was held on Sunday, Nov. 10. At the audition, the musicians had to perform a prepared selection, scales and they had to sightread a musical selection. The honors band rehearsed Nov. 16 and 17, and under the direction of John E. Williamson, CMU Director of Bands, held a concert on Nov. 17. "There were eight students representing Northern Michigan in the honors band. (GHS) had seven of those eight," GHS band director Dennis Ormsbee said.

Masons set X-mas party

The local Masons will be heading to Acme for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Traverse City Christmas party. The annual event will begin at 2 p.m. with a social hour.

The party will be held Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Sandtrap Restaurant in Acme, about a mile east of US-31 on M-72.

The annual gathering is for all Scottish Rite members, including those from the Grayling Mason group, their families and friends to get together as a fraternity.

Persons attending are asked to bring canned goods for a collection which will benefit a community. Each year, the canned good collection is donated to a community charity, and this year, the donation will go to the Manton Food Pantry.

Persons interested in the attending the Christmas party can contact Norm Gidecum at (616) 864-2468.

A local Mason man recently received a great honor from the Masonic charter organization.

Charles Fick of Grayling, was given the Meritorious Service Award after being deemed worth of such recognition. Fick is past thrice potent master of the Lodge of Perfection.

Fick remains active in the Grayling Masonic Lodge and in numerous business adventures.

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Middle school forensics team speaks out to qualify for state



FORENSICS TEAM -- The members of the Grayling Middle School Forensics Team (in alphabetical order) are Jessica Abfalter, William Armstrong, Scott Bearss, Daniel Beckwith, Mellissa Boillard, Lexi Bondar, Jacob Carrothers, Mindy Collins, Angela Cooper, Brandon Cox, Kyle Crawford, Sam Cross, Mike Demoinis, Mike Eagen, Nicolette Earles, Janna Eddy, Michelle Elsner, Amber Evans, Beth Evans, Angela Everson, Justin Fenn, Monique Fagan, William Fairbotham, Angela Fisher, Anna Fortino, Emily Fox, Ara Gallagher, John Gardiner, Laura Gassman, Jason Gillmore, Brad Gorski, Laura Gorski, Derrick Gregorich, Robert Haertel, Nicole Hatley, Lori Hinkle, Andi Holzbauer, Jessica Holzbauer, Rachael Hunt, Rebecca Hunt, Eric Hunter, Lynn Johnson, T.J. Johnson, Amy Kozik, Matt Kroell, Kira Maples, Sheana McLain, Charlie McNamara, John McNamara, Marie Montaigne, Cody Myers, Ashley Nelson, Danielle Niederer, Hgidie Niederer, Richard Niederer, Chris Peters, Alexis Pomeroy, Heather Potter, Jayme Potter, Rachael Ramaswamy, David Richardson, Ryan Richardson, Gina Rosi, Sonya Saladine, Max Schreiner, Gwen Seifert, Charles Silk, Michele Stepp, Alexis Sumner, Ryan Swope, Joyce Thomas, Forrest Thompson, Jesse Van Slyke, Jennifer Wheeling, Gary Winchester, Lloyd Winkler, Ashley Wolcott, Arica Wolcott and Lillian Yarger.

Photo by Lisa Hofman

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

In a Nov. 3 forensics invitational Grayling Middle School took home 58 out of the 71 possible points.

Forensics is "ten different ways of public speaking," said GMS forensics coach Bob Gorski.

The 10 events are dramatic interpretation, duo interpretation, multiple interpretation, poetry interpretation, prose interpretation, storytelling, oratory, informative speaking, extemporaneous speaking and impromptu speaking.

On Nov. 3, GMS held its own forensics invitational with Bay City All Saints and Beaverton competing against the Vikings. "Other schools were scheduled to compete, but due to the weather they couldn't," Gorski said.

This invitational qualified the top five in each category to the state competition to be held in Ann Arbor on Jan. 10 and 11.

"At last year's state meet there were 70 different schools and 60-80 students in each event. We had eight kids place in the meet," Gorski said.

At the Nov. 3 invitational, the top four participants in each of the 10 categories qualified to compete in an invitational on Dec. 7.

"We are currently in what's called the mini-season," Gorski said.

After the state meet on Jan. 11, the regular season will begin. "We'll compete in four invitations and another state meet," Gorski continued.

The forensics program started three years ago at Grayling Middle School. "We've been the defending Central State champions for the last two years," Gorski said. "And we haven't lost an

invitational since we started."

In forensics participants start with a score of 100. For each mistake they lose one point.

Each selection is performed three times, in front of three different judges. The scores of each of the three rounds are averaged together to produce a winner.

"Anyone can participate in forensics. You don't have to be big or fast or even athletically inclined and everyone should fit into at least one of the 10 categories," Gorski said.

According to Gorski, enough students come out for forensics so "I flood every event because I don't turn anyone down," Gorski said.

According to Gorski, this year's team has 90 members, but 16 are currently watching meets to learn more about the process of forensics before actually competing.

"I don't force them to compete until they're ready," Gorski said.

To pay the high travel expenses the team members currently raise funds through candy bar sales.

However, adult volunteers and monetary donations are still needed from the community to keep the program a success.

Certain portions of forensics require quotations to be taken from Time and Newsweek magazines.

Old copies of these magazines (Sept. 1996 through the present) would be greatly appreciated because the team currently only has subscriptions to the magazines.

"Any individuals or groups wishing to help could get a subscription of either magazine sent to the school for the team," Gorski added.

GMS forensic invitational results

Dramatic Interpretation - Jason Gillmore, first.

Poetry - Michele Stepp - second; Chris Peters, third; Forrest Thompson, fourth.

Duo - Janna Eddy/Amy Kozik, first; Anna Fortino/Lori Hinkle, third; Heidie Niederer/Gary Winchester, fourth.

Extemporaneous - Jennifer Wheeling, first; Becky Hunt, second; Ryan Richardson, third; Monique Fagan, fourth.

Multiple - Sonya Saladine/Nicolette Earles/Rebecca Hunt/Kira Maples, second; Scott Bearss/Justin Fenn/John Gardiner, third.

Prose - Jessica Holzbauer, first; Laura Gassman, first; John McNamara, second; Eric Hunter, second; Ashley Wolcott, third.

Storytelling - Gina Rosi, first; Charlie McNamara, second; Jessie Van Slyke, third; Laura Gorski, fourth.

Impromptu - Kenny Heinlein, first; Cody Myers, second; Joyce Thomas, fourth.

Informative - Ara Gallagher, first; Brad Gorski, second; Angela Fisher, third.

Oratory - Gwen Seifert, first; Melissa Bouillard, second; Jessica Abfalter, third.

Forensic Events

Dramatic Interpretation

- ⊙ 5-8 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ Single selection from published play written for theatre or electronic media
- ⊙ Multiple characters are encouraged, but monologues are acceptable
- ⊙ Use of manuscript is optional
- ⊙ Move as necessary to represent the movements of characters
- ⊙ Sit or stand
- ⊙ No hand props

Duo Interpretation

- ⊙ 7-10 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ Two participants
- ⊙ Single selection of literature from any genre
- ⊙ Each performer must portray only one character and/or narrator
- ⊙ Use of manuscript is optional
- ⊙ No purposeful body or eye contact between interpreters
- ⊙ No dancing
- ⊙ No hand props, decorative scripts, lighting, scenery, reading stands, platforms or risers
- ⊙ Chairs and stools are permitted

Multiple Interpretation

- ⊙ 10-15 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ 3-8 participants, in front of, not necessarily facing the audience
- ⊙ Single selection of prose, poetry, drama or combination of any or all
- ⊙ Purposeful eye/body contact among group members may occur to emphasize relationships
- ⊙ Stage movement is symbolic - to enhance the literature
- ⊙ No hand props, decorative scripts, lighting or scenery
- ⊙ May use reader's stands, stools, chairs and cubes
- ⊙ No risers, platforms or similar structures
- ⊙ Presentation should not be entirely choric
- ⊙ Singing, humming or whistling may be used, but must not dominate and must be essential to the theme
- ⊙ Use of manuscript is optional

Poetry Interpretation

- ⊙ 5-8 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ Single selection of poetry or a combination of poems
- ⊙ No dramatic literature or children's literature, but can be humorous

Prose Interpretation

- ⊙ 5-8 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ Single selection of prose or a combination of stories
- ⊙ No dramatic literature or children's literature, but can be humorous
- ⊙ Use of manuscript is optional
- ⊙ No hand props
- ⊙ Sit or stand
- ⊙ Move as necessary to represent movements of character

Storytelling

- ⊙ 5-8 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ Humorous, serious or compilation of children's literature
- ⊙ No book or manuscript, but must be told in the words of the writer
- ⊙ May use spontaneous transitions
- ⊙ Sit and/or stand
- ⊙ Appropriate gestures may be used
- ⊙ No hand props decorative scripts or scenery

Oratory

- ⊙ 5-8 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ Original work
- ⊙ Thoroughly prepared
- ⊙ May alert audience to threatening danger, strengthen devotion to a cause, eulogize a person and present a solution to a problem
- ⊙ Persuasive in nature
- ⊙ Manuscript must be available upon request, with appropriately documented quoted/paraphrased material
- ⊙ May be delivered from a manuscript, memory, outline or any combination
- ⊙ No prompting from the audience
- ⊙ Good oration includes suitability of subject, originality, depth, orderly development of ideas

Informative Speaking

- ⊙ 5-8 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ Original work
- ⊙ Designed to achieve clarity for the audience by explaining, defining or illustrating a subject

Extemporaneous Speaking

- ⊙ Argumentative, persuasive or entertaining material may be entered only to illustrate, enliven or clarify information being presented
- ⊙ Inanimate visual aids may supplement the information, but may not act as the central focus
- ⊙ Manuscript or outline must be available upon request with appropriately documented quoted/paraphrased material
- ⊙ May use visual aids, audio visual materials or demonstrations, but not as the major focus of the speech
- ⊙ May display, without operating, pieces of equipment, objects, devices or models of processes
- ⊙ Posters, bas relief, friezes, charts or pictures are illustrative of allowable visual aids
- ⊙ May be delivered from manuscript, memory, outline or any combination
- ⊙ Good informative speech includes organization, amplification, clarity and interest

Impromptu Speaking

- ⊙ 3-6 minutes time guideline
- ⊙ Remarks should be based on factual material and be interpreted in light of personal experience and thinking, with an attempt to use a unique approach to the solution of the problem
- ⊙ Use only notes made during the half-hour preparation time
- ⊙ Speaker should word the speech while delivering it
- ⊙ Use of notes is not mandatory, but if used, should be a brief outline, rather than a prepared, fully written speech
- ⊙ Speaker may read direct quotations
- ⊙ Contestant must remain in the room following the speech
- ⊙ Must adhere to the topic and answer the question

Impromptu Speaking

- ⊙ One minute preparation time maximum
- ⊙ 2-4 minute presentation time guideline
- ⊙ Speaker should express his/her opinion on the topic
- ⊙ Organization is important
- ⊙ Question selected should be answered
- ⊙ Use of examples and illustrations is encouraged
- ⊙ Speech is worded as it is delivered
- ⊙ Use of outline and notes is optional



VOLUNTEER COOKS — Mike Smith, foreground, and Don Sorenson were two of the cooks who volunteered their time on Thanksgiving to serve dinner at the Knights of Columbus hall. The turkey dinner was a hit with area residents.

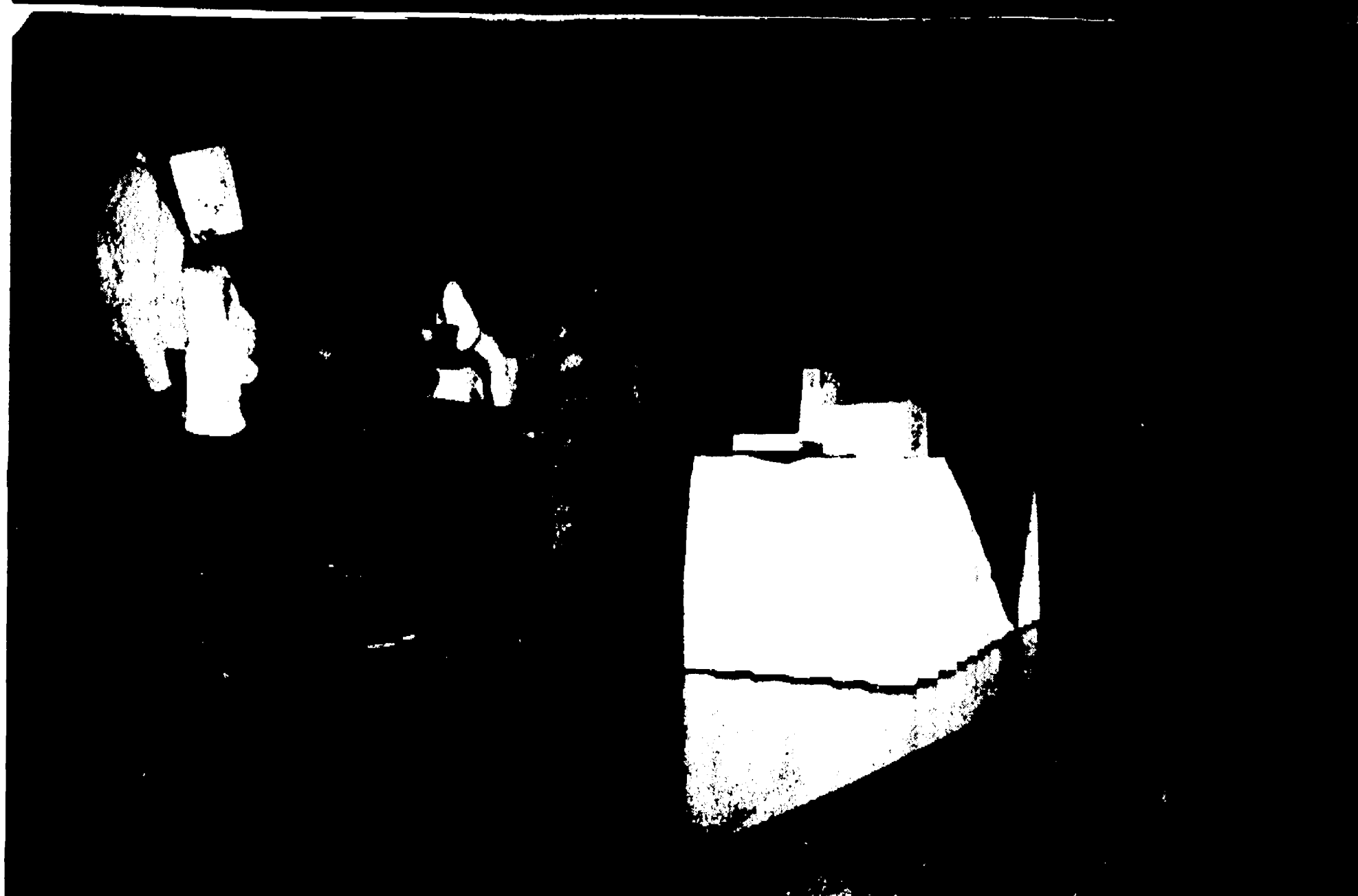
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GIRLS HONORED AT BASKETBALL BANQUET - Members of the Grayling High School girls varsity team look on as head coach Tom Mills talks about the past season and the accomplishments of each player. The banquet was held at Grayling High School on Monday, Dec. 2.

Girls basketball awards dished out St. Germain wins most valuable award

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School girls basketball program held its annual end-of-the-year banquet on Monday, Dec. 2. The banquet was held at Grayling High School and opened with food brought by the parents of the players.

The event moved into the high school auditorium for the awards ceremony. Head varsity coach Tom Mills started out the night by recognizing all of the coaches from seventh grade through varsity level for all of the time and effort that they put into the program.

Mills also recognized all of the parents for the food at the banquet and the food given to the team for road trips. Rebecca Brown was given recognition for her motivational moments.

The freshmen coaches, head coach Jim Parker and assistant coach Jack Beckwith, came up to talk about the freshmen basketball team.

Parker said, "the season was very productive and that the girls learned a lot. I watched the tape from our first game and watched a tape of our second to last game and there was a great improvement. The girls played hard. The one thing that the girls must improve on greatly is their free throw shots. We only shot 33 percent."

Each of the girls received a certificate and their numerals.

According to Parker, Katlynn Roshey was a point guard who scored 39 points on the year. Cheryl Papendick was very aggressive and had 19 points. Megan Walker played good defense and ran the offense and had 68 points. Danielle McClanahan came on in the second half of the season and played aggressively. Andrea Elmy scored 91 points and, Parker added, that she could go a long way if she wants too.

Tonya Helsel has some great natural ability and can really rebound. Melanie Paxton has some great ability and scored 35 points. Sara Kenney scored 60 points and Parker said she was a pleasure to work with. Sarah McGuire was always working hard during games and practices. She had 19 points, but shot the best from the three point line with 56 percent.

The junior varsity head coach Chris Dunckley and assistant coach Phil Trudgeon handed out awards and certificates to the junior varsity players.

Dunckley introduced the players. Karen Wyman was acknowledged for her defense. Kathy Wyman for her hard work and being the second leading scorer. Andrea Kolka lead the

team in scoring and assists and improved her defense greatly.

Monica Kustra played very good defense. Christi Dunckley was given praise by her coach for putting up with him at home and also had a good season.

Mika Sumer has the potential to be a tremendous post player with more experience. Stephanie Wichert played better defense and came on offensively and played under control. Heather Ross was the only returning player with experience and was a great leader on the floor.

Carrie Hatfield is an improving player and had some great spurts during games. Brie Blaauw has great ability and strength, but needs to use it more. She was the leading rebounder and third-leading scorer.

The last presenter was varsity coach Tom Mills who introduced his players and said a few words about each one.

Mills said, "that he measures a team by its heart and hard work and this team had the biggest hearts of any team he has coached and is very grateful for the experience."

The two sophomores were Mary Dobry who was the leading scorer and did a good job rebounding. Mandy Trudgeon was a point guard and the assist leader.

The juniors are Nicole Craigie who played well moving from the guard spot last year to a post position this year. Kristie Cadeau "tipifies the high school athlete," said Mills, she always gave it her all. Amy Godlewski played hurt most of the season, but played well.

Jamie McGuire was the leading three-point shooter. Erin Mills played hard and was the leading rebounder.

The seniors and captains were Michelle Dunckley a three year varsity player and a leader. Jessica St. Germain was the second-leading scorer and rebounder and was a leader on the floor.

The team awards were announced next and were voted on by the team and coach Mills, with Mandy Trudgeon and Christi Cadeau getting the Hustle award.

The coaches award went to Amy Godlewski and Jamie McGuire.

Captains awards went to Jessica St. Germain and Michelle Dunckley.

Most Improved Player went to Mandy Trudgeon and Nicole Craigie. Most Valuable Player award went to Jessica St. Germain.

League awards went to Mary Dobry and Erin Mills for All-Conference Honorable Mention. Mandy Trudgeon and Jessica St. Germain were named All Conference.

Tom Mills who has coached varsity girls and boys basketball is retiring from coaching basketball. Mills said that he felt it was time for him to step down because after 25 years of coaching he did not feel he had the energy that the team and the program needed.

Mills said he would still follow girls basketball and that he feels he is leaving with the program in great shape.

"I will miss the kids. I coached because I love the game and love to work with the kids," said Mills.

Mills recognized Jim Parker and Chris Dunckley for their continued work and effort toward the Grayling girls basketball program.

The 1996 statistics for varsity girls basketball.

Amy Godlewski scored 120 points, 54 rebounds, 16 assists and 28 steals. Mary Dobry scored 240 points and shot 80 percent from the free throw line. Dobry had 115 rebounds, 30 assists and 88 steals.

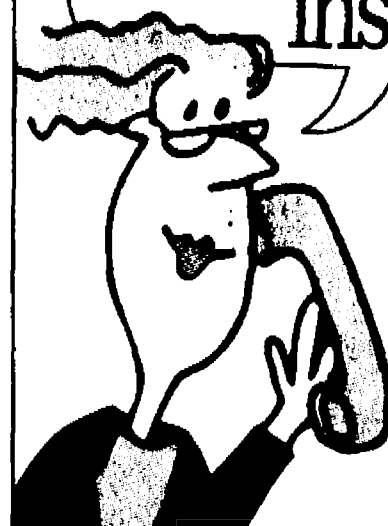
Mandy Trudgeon had 112 points, 70 rebounds, 48 assists and 68 steals.

Michelle Dunckley had 21 points, 18 rebounds, 14 assists and 48 steals.

Kristie Cadeau had 64 points, 15

rebounds, 12 assists and 24 steals. Erin Mills had 109 points, 121 rebounds, 23 assists and 49 steals. Jamie McGuire had 13 points, 7 rebounds, 8 assists and 20 steals. Jessica St. Germain had 193 points, 103 rebounds, 23 assists and 43 steals. Nicole Craigie had 55 points, 79 rebounds, nine assists and 28 steals.

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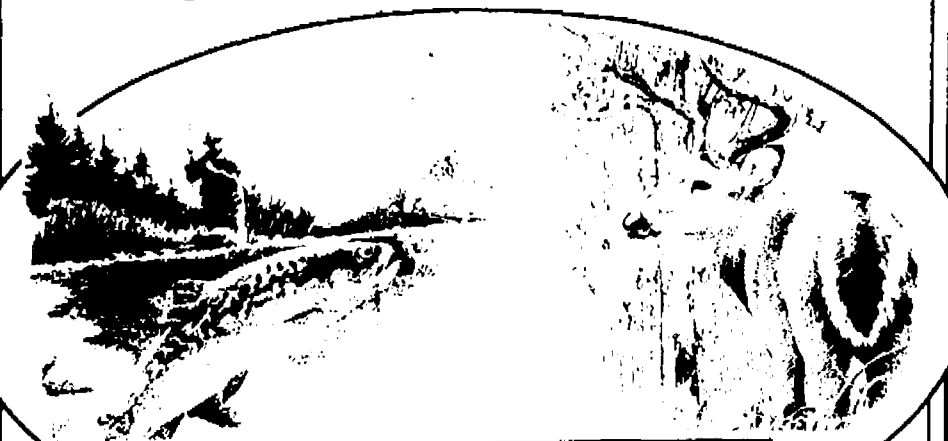
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One more rifle deer season is now gone by the wayside, and all in all there were a good many nice bucks taken from this area. I would like to think that the massive deer-feeding program undertaken last winter may have had some bearing on this success. We had a chance to see many nice bucks this season. On the last day of the season, my daughter brought in one of the largest six-point bucks I have had the chance to see, from this area!

The warm weather and rain was hard on the ice this past weekend, so it will be a while before the ice fishing gets under motion!!

However, ruffed grouse season reopened this past Sunday, so you can get out before the big snows set in.

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UPPER LAKES TIRE

Andrus finishes up career at NMU

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

Mark Andrus, son of John and Beverly, a former Grayling High School football player, has completed his senior football season at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Andrus received player of the game award for the last game of the season against Saginaw Valley State University.

"That was the funnest game that I played in. We had no shot at getting into the playoffs even with a 7-3 record, but we spoiled Saginaw State's chances by beating them 52-42. The whole offensive line did a good job and another area player, Jeremy Wilkinson (Kalkaska), had a great game," said Andrus.

Andrus started all 10 games this season and this was his second straight

season that he started.

"I started school in 1992, but I was redshirted and then in 1993 I was injured. As a sophomore in 1994 I moved into the starting left tackle position about a third of the way through the season," said Andrus.

Andrus will be graduating in May with a Bachelor's degree in Technology and Applied Science. Mark already possesses an Associate's degree in Electronic Technology.

"I learned a lot about teamwork and effort throughout my college football career and these things will help me in the future," said Andrus.

"I learned a great deal about football. I learned a lot in high school, but in college you put in about 20 hours a week each week of the season. The team-mates are like friends and you get to know one another because you

spend so much time together," said Andrus.

Andrus ended his college football career by earning his second Midwestern Intercollegiate Football Conference Second Team offensive tackle award in the last two years.

"I felt that I should have been on the first team, but it is based on awards per team and our quarterback, wide receiver, defensive back and a linebacker, who will be going pro, were named first team, so I sort of got pushed out," said Andrus.

"I appreciated the help all of my coaches and family have given me. I am looking forward to graduating and going out and getting a job," said Andrus.

Andrus lettered three times while at Northern Michigan which means he played in at least 16 quarters a year.



Mark Andrus

Blaauw completes freshman volleyball season at Adrian

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

Brooke Blaauw, a recent Grayling High School graduate, has completed her first volleyball season at Adrian College.

Blaauw was a setter on the Adrian College Junior Varsity team and was a starter.

"The position was totally different than the one I played in high school. In high school I was tall enough to be a blocker, but college is a different story," said Blaauw.

Blaauw had a successful season and received a most-improved award from her coach.

"I plan on playing for four years and hope to be a varsity player by my senior year. The junior varsity competition, in my opinion, is not a lot

better than high school, but the varsity is a lot bigger deal," said Blaauw.

Blaauw commented that her practices averaged one-and-a-half to two hours a day in high school, but in college they practiced for three hours a day.

Blaauw said that it was good for her to be on the team because it allowed her to go to school a week before classes and get situated and she got to know some people.

"It was actually easier for me to study and get school work done while the season was going on because I had to budget my time. It is harder now that I have more free time," said Blaauw.

Blaauw said that her favorite game was when they beat Alma College in overtime, 18-16.

"I was real excited because my

friends that were at Alma College came to watch the game," said Blaauw.

Blaauw hopes to make it to the varsity level in the future.

"It was weird having to start over. Playing varsity at Grayling High School and then coming to Adrian and playing on the junior varsity, but I hope to move up by my senior year," said Blaauw.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

| Island Hoppers | |
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| Wave Runners | 26-10 |
| Radioactive Coconut | 24-12 |
| Star Gazers | 23-5-12-5 |
| Beach Bums | 20-16 |
| Treasure Hunters | 16-20 |
| Rain Makers | 14-22 |
| Pirates | 11-5-24-5 |
| Pearl Divers | 9-27 |
| Boys High Game: Jarrett Langowski, 187 | |
| Boys High Series: Doug Wilhelm, 468 | |
| Girls High Game: Nikki Strohpaul, 180 | |
| Girls High Series: Nikki Strohpaul, 430 | |

| Beach | |
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| Coconuts | 18-9 |
| Flamingos | 17-10 |
| Jelly Fish | 16-11 |
| Sand Pipers | 14-13 |
| Wild Orchids | 13-14 |
| Star Fishes | 12-15 |
| Sea Shells | 9-18 |
| Sand Castles | 8-19 |
| Boys High Game: Michael Salyers, 125 | |
| Boys High Series: Michael Salyers, 222 | |
| Girls High Game: Carne Mu, Krystel D., 130 | |
| Girls High Series: Krystel Davis, 243 | |

| Ocean | |
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| Hurricanes | 20-7 |
| Dolphins | 18-9 |
| Turtles | 14-5-12-5 |
| Sting Rays | 13-5-13-5 |
| Sharks | 13-14 |
| Sea Gulls | 12-15 |
| Tide Waves | 9-18 |
| Sea Horses | 8-19 |
| Boys High Game: Justin Lobsinger, 119 | |
| Boys High Series: Justin Lobsinger, 207 | |
| Girls High Game: Darcie Lovely, 91 | |
| Girls High Series: Darcie Lovely, 178 | |

Boys basketball program set to teach young Vikes

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling Recreation Authority is hosting a boys basketball season. The program is open to boys in grades three through six.

The league started Saturday, Nov. 23, but persons can still sign up.

The league has two instructional dates and several league games. The season will reach its conclusion on Saturday, Feb. 1 with a scrimmage versus Roscommon.

To register, call the Grayling Recreation Authority at 348-9266.

The basketball program is developed to help the boys develop skills for the future. Teamwork and sportsmanship are also important issues developed at the program.

The program gives boys an opportunity to develop these skills before they get to the seventh-grade level where there is school-team competition.

The program allows all children to play and learn the different aspects of playing basketball.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Winter Ski Season Kick Off Fundraiser — Friday, Dec. 6, 6 p.m. at the Grayling Red Barn. Tickets are \$5. In addition to raffles, there will be a silent auction.

Women's Volleyball — Monday nights at Grayling High School. Monday, Nov. 25 Kamp Oil beat Mercy Hospital; Bloomquist won over Just For Fun.

Adult Co-ed Volleyball — Begins Thursday, Dec. 12 at Grayling High School at 9 p.m., \$10 per person includes six games. Everyone is welcome.

Karate — There is still a lot of room for persons wishing to join Karate. Monday and Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m., and Saturday 10:30 to 11:30.

Ski Season — Hanson Hills plans to open skiing on Dec. 14.

Ice Rink — A meeting is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Activity Center for anyone interested in organizing programs for youth and adults.

BOWLING LEAGUE

| Sunday Nite Mixed | |
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| CS1 | 36-16 |
| Us & Them | 29-23 |
| Computer Service | 27-25 |
| All Seasons Drywall | 25-27 |
| D.A.M.M. | 25-27 |
| Robideau Construction | 24-28 |
| Pioneer Hills Marine | 24-28 |
| Mac's Drugs | 18-34 |
| Men's High Game: J. Robideau, 210; R. Schreiber, 201; J. Helsel, R. Pyle, 192. | |
| Men's High Series: R. Schreiber, 532; R. Pyle, 526; R. Atkinson, 516. | |
| Women's High Game: J. Hinds, 186; M. Starks, 175; D. Ashworth, 170. | |
| Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 515; M. Starks, 500; S. Phillips, 461. | |

| Northwood | |
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| House of Cabinets | 34 |
| Rich's Cycle Service | 29-5 |
| Millikin's | 29 |
| Wakeley's Auto Parts | 28-5 |
| Glen's | 24 |
| R & M Masonry | 22 |
| Helsel Brothers | 21 |
| R. Calkins & Sons | 20 |
| High Game: W. Millikin, 218; S. Ritter, 192; S. France, 188. | |
| High Series: S. France, B. Walker, 511; S. Ritter, 507; W. Millikin, 505. | |

American Men's League

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| Fentons Auto Service | 36-6 |
| McLean's Ace | 32-10 |
| Auto Parts | 24-18 |
| Upper Lakes | 22-20 |
| Rod's Auto Body | 18-24 |
| Stitches by Sue | 16-26 |
| B.C.I. | 14-28 |
| Northwoods Land | 6-36 |
| High Game: P. Pyle, 221; D. Canfield, 208; P. Faustman, 206. | |
| High Series: D. Canfield, 610; P. Faustman, 599; R. Pyle, 588. | |

| Senior Citizens League | |
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| Century "21" Realty | 31-21 |
| Cornell's Realty | 30-22 |
| Mac's Drug Store | 28-24 |
| Buccelli's Pizza | 26-5-25-5 |
| Sylvester's Sports | 25-27 |
| Totten's Body Shop | 24-5-27-5 |
| Flowers by Josie | 23-29 |
| Baynam Wood Products | 18-34 |
| Men's High Game: E. Wilde, 226; G. Wolfe, 209; R. Biron, 190. | |
| Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 567; J. Porter, 521; P. Mead, 516. | |
| Women's High Game: M. Frankenfield, 203; D. Mead, 196; P. Harris, A. Payne, A. Roman, 168. | |
| Women's High Series: P. Harris, 484; M. Frankenfield, 469; D. Mead, 466. | |

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| Chemical Bank | 31-17 |
| Millikin's | 30-5-17-5 |
| Custom Interior | 30-18 |
| Avalanche | 22-26 |
| Deb & Dale's | 21-5-26-5 |
| Aunt Betty's | 21-27 |
| Mercy Hospital | 18-30 |
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| High Game: K. Morrill, 191; Y. Schreiber, R. Ames, 189; K. Moshier, 186. | |
| High Series: C. Jones, K. Morrill, 496; J. Hinds, 494; M. Barrel, 492. | |

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| Moshier Auto | 14-10 |
| Blankmen | 14-10 |
| Jackson Trio | 13-11 |
| Grayling Ford | 13-11 |
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| 3-D's | 12-12 |
| J. J.'s Motor Mall | 9-15 |
| Barber Const. | 8-16 |
| High Game: M. Campbell, 247; J. Lozon, 227; E. Albright, 220. | |
| High Series: M. Campbell, 567; J. Lozon, 529; R. Buskin, 522. | |

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WEYERHAEUSER DONATION -- Brenda Ormsbee and students at the Grayling Cooperative Preschool accepted a Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation grant from Brad Trenary, team member at the Grayling Mill. The grant will enable the preschool to purchase educational supplies and participate in local field trips for the 37 preschool students enrolled. Pictured above (front, from left) are Cayla Johnson and Gregory Toprak. The next row (l-r) is Ormsbee, Jenny Denton, Tiffany Valentin, Allie Barber, Rachel Wilson, Ciara Summers, Nicholas Sendak, Matthew Hillbrecht and teacher aide Cheryl Alandt. The back row (l-r) is Taylor Dorenire, Michael Olson, Gracie Calkins, Trenary and Malachi Dodge. Shane Ginther is not pictured.

Photo by Lisa Hoffman

Tax-aide program seeks volunteers for project

Thousands of people over the age of 50 need help to complete their federal and state income tax forms, but they simply can't afford to go to an accountant or tax service for assistance.

A program sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) called Tax-Aide offers a solution to this dilemma for many Michigan citizens.

In 1996, more than 47,000 Michigan residents took advantage of the free personal assistance provided by more than 800 volunteers in the state.

"We think the number of people we serve could easily rise in 1997," said Dick Tunison of Charlevoix, AARP

Tax-Aide volunteer. "We're actively searching for more volunteers, so we can take this program to every community in the state."

All Tax-Aide volunteers go through a training course in early January, which teaches tax law in areas of particular importance to older taxpayers, including pension law, IRA provisions, and the sale of stocks and homes. After completing the training,

volunteers take an open-book exam, become certified, and then help older citizens prepare their tax returns for four hours a week from Feb. 1 to April 15.

"If anyone is interested in volunteering, now is the time to let us know so we can schedule them for a training session," Tunison noted. Potential volunteers can contact him at 616-547-5009 for details, or call the AARP Michigan State Office at 517-482-2772.

AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. The AARP Foundation is an affiliated, 501 (c) (3) nonpartisan charitable organization, established in 1961, which administers publicly- and

Fire chief offers fire prevention tips

A recent structure fire that destroyed a home may very well have been prevented.

It appears that a clothes dryer in the home was operated without the back metal shield, exposing wiring and the heating element to combustibles, said Russ Strohpaal, Grayling City and Township fire chief.



Strohpaal reminds everyone to keep heating device shields in place and install according to the manufacturers instructions.

Probably the most common cause of clothes dryer fires is lint build up.

Clothes dryers, like other heating equipment need to be maintained. According to fire officials, cleaning lint from dryers not only reduces the chance of fire but saves money by using less energy.

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National, state cancer cases on the decline

New cancer cases and deaths from cancer are declining nationally and statewide, because of fewer smoking adults and better, faster treatment.

American Cancer Society officials are optimistic about statistics published in their Nov. 15 journal. After decades of continuous rise, the national cancer death rate dropped 3.1 percent from 1990 to 1995.

Pete Whipple, community connection coordinator for the Jackson-Hillsdale-Lenawee County branch of the American Cancer Society, said the national trend is encouraging. "For the first time in history, we can say that cancer mortality is declining."

Among many reasons, Whipple cites better early-detection techniques that find cancer while it can still be treated. He said Michigan has some of the best facilities in the nation for providing mammograms.

The cancer death rate in 1990 was 135 deaths per 100,000 people. Last year, it was 131, according to Dr. Philip Cole, professor of epidemiology at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He wrote the national study the cancer society examined.

According to the study, lung cancer declined by 3.9 percent over the five-year period, and other smoking-related cancer deaths declined by two percent. New cases of lung cancer have been declining each year in Michigan since 1989.

In Michigan, eight percent fewer new cancer cases were reported in 1994 than 1993, according to the state Department of Community Health.

Prostate cancer showed the biggest decrease, with new cases dropping by

21 percent between the two years. Deaths from prostate cancer also dropped in 1994, but rose slightly in 1995.

The rate of new breast cancer cases declined slightly from 1993 to 1994. The death rate rose slightly in 1993, 1994 and 1995, but increases were mostly among older women. The death rate dropped for women under 50.

In Michigan, early detection of breast cancer saves lives. From 1985 to 1987, more than half of breast cancer cases were diagnosed early.

From 1992 to 1994, 66 percent of breast cancer cases were discovered at an early stage, Community Health reports.

The department has not calculated new cancer cases reported after 1994. Michigan participates in the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study with 16 other states.

"The purpose of this is to reduce our overall smoking rate -- we're trying to cut it in half," said John Beasley, chief of Community Health's tobacco program. The project increases awareness of smoking and cancer through community organizations and the media.

The effect of white males quitting smoking will be seen soon on cancer rates, Beasley said. Twenty-five years ago, white men were the largest group to quit smoking.

Joann Schellenbach, director of media relations for the American Cancer Society, also attributes lung-cancer decreases to changes in behavior.

"The major impact on mortality is due to the fact that a large number of adults gave up smoking in the 1960s and 1970s," she said. In 1964, half of

American adults smoked compared to 25 percent today.

But the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that teenagers are smoking in higher numbers.

"If these kids continue to smoke, then we're going to see the impact in 20, 30, 40 years as cancer," she said. But the American Cancer Society is "very optimistic that we can have an impact."

The society has outlined a plan to cut cancer rates. It includes:

- More government regulation of tobacco.
- More money for biomedical research.
- Collaboration by government, the private sector and volunteers.
- More education about cancer prevention, risk reduction and early detection.

Schellenbach said lung-cancer rates have been much higher than other kinds of cancer. "Lung cancer has been the great spoiler in terms of mortality numbers."

For example, Michigan's overall cancer death rate would have declined over a 24-year period, but the lung-cancer rate stopped that.

From 1970 to 1994, death rates for Michigan residents increased by more than two percent. But during this period, the lung-cancer death rate rose by 51 percent, while the death rate for all other cancers dropped by nearly 10 percent.

Prostate, cervical and breast cancer are declining because of early detection methods, Schellenbach said.

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Football Contest

Jan Annis was the winner in week #14 of the football contest, with 22 out of a possible 26 points. She tied with **Chad Bonamie, Rick Nash, Rod Wade** and **Ray Waite**, who also had 22 points, but Annis' tiebreaker pick was closer to the actual tiebreaker score of 58, than any of the rest. This was a rough week, as very few people got any of the bonus games. There was a total of 172 entries in this week's contest.

Last Week's Winners:

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Minnesota (58) | 10. Oakland (worth 3 points) |
| 2. Indianapolis | 11. St. Louis |
| 3. Green Bay | 12. New England |
| 4. Jacksonville | 13. Miami (Fla.) |
| 5. Philadelphia | 14. Tennessee |
| 6. Baltimore | 15. U.S.C. (worth 3 points) |
| 7. Carolina | 16. Georgia |
| 8. Denver | 17. Free |
| 9. Houston (45) | 18. Florida St. (45) (worth 5 points) |

OVERALL LEADERS

- Eric Thompson, 199**
Alf Svenson, 195
Carol LaMotte, 195
Rod Wade, 194
Tom Weaver, 194

In last week's football contest, those choosing San Francisco, did receive the bonus points, as they should have, not those choosing San Diego. It was only an error in listing the winning games. The bonus points were given correctly. The Avalanche apologizes for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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Week #15 for games played Dec. 7 & 8

| WINNER | ADVERTISER |
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| Game 2 | |
| Game 3 | |
| Game 4 | |
| Game 5 | |
| Game 6 | |
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| Game 10 | |
| Game 11 | |
| Game 12 | |
| Game 13 | |
| Game 14 | |
| Game 15 | |
| Game 16 | |
| Game 17 | |
| Game 18 | |

- Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) _____
- Tiebreaker 2 (total points scored in game 18) _____
- Tiebreaker 3 (total points scored in game 9) _____

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

- Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
- One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
- Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 460, Grayling, MI, 49736.
- Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
- Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

Weekly Prizes

- *Sports cap--Scheer Motors
- *Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- *Two Super Gulp & two large nachos--7-Eleven
- *Fire extinguisher--Jansen Insurance Agency
- *\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- *\$10 gift certificate--Abel Auto Parts
- *Free hat--McLean's Ace Hardware
- *One free lunch, a \$6.95 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- *Free lube, oil and filter--Scott McNamara Ford-Mercury, Inc.
- *\$50 from the Crawford County Avalanche

Overall Prizes

- *Free lube, oil & filter--Scheer Motors
- *Mystery gift--Sylvester's
- *\$25 gift certificate--Mac's Drugs
- *\$10 gift certificate--Grayling Glen's Market
- *Free lube, oil & filter--Don Nester
- *\$50 off any purchase--Abel Auto Parts
- *\$25 gift certificate--Grayling Red Barn
- *\$50 gift certificate--Comfort Center
- *Sunday brunch for two and swim room, a \$50 value--Grayling Holiday Inn
- *Free car wash & dry--Diane's Car Wash
- *Black & Decker hand-held vac--DuBois Lumber
- *\$100 and one year free subscription--Crawford County Avalanche

To be a weekly winner:

- Write your prediction for game one on entry form.
- Write the advertiser's name on entry form for game one. All the advertisers must be included.
- Fill out rest of entry form this way including your three tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
- Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
- The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

To win the overall prizes:

- Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
- You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
- The person with the most points at the end of the football contest will win all the overall prizes.

10. N.Y. Jets vs. New England

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Teresa Eilers of Grayling, announces the arrival of Tyler Lee Tompkins, born Nov. 11, 1996.

Robert Kage and Shenna Johnson of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Bobbi Lynn Kage, born Nov. 14, 1996.

Kory Woolsey and Dawn McMahon of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Shennan Allen Woolsey, born Nov. 16, 1996.

Robert Denno and Jennifer Austin of Grayling, announce the arrival of Samantha Jo Denno, born Nov. 18, 1996.

Wade and Sherry Williams of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Jordon Carl, born Nov. 18, 1996.

Michael and Brenda Bergan of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Kaitlyn Pauline, born Nov. 19, 1996.

James and Michelle McClellan of Houghton Lake, announce the arrival of Joshua Chad, born Nov. 19, 1996.

Craig and Angel Henning of Lansing, announce the arrival of Nicholas James, born Nov. 21, 1996.

Jay and Amanda Ramsey of Grayling, announce the arrival of David Ryan, born Nov. 21, 1996.

Monica Hendrix of Houghton Lake, announces the arrival of Dylan Howard Hendrix, born Nov. 27, 1996.

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Robert and Lisa Hipsher of Lewiston, announce the arrival of Logan Robert Hipsher, born Nov. 23, 1996.

James and Dawn Savage of Roscommon, announce the arrival of Kara Mae Savage, born Nov. 26, 1996.

Jacey Johnson of Grayling, announces the arrival of Nicholas Johnson, born Nov. 22, 1996.

Lacey and Tony Stephan of Grayling, announce the arrival of Jensen Dale Stephan, born Nov. 24, 1996.

Michael and Elizabeth Herriman and siblings Matthew and Sarah of Prudenville, announce the arrival of Samantha Marie Herriman, born Nov. 29, 1996.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No: 96-4025-CH(M)
ALBERT L. GALLOWAY and MAXINE L. GALLOWAY, husband and wife, Plaintiffs
v
GERALD L. HARMAN and MARTIN B. HAYES, Defendants.
LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123
Attorney for Plaintiffs
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365

ORDER TO ANSWER
On the 10th day of October, 1996, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to quiet title against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Lot 381, UPPNORTH UNIT NO. 3, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 29, Crawford County Records.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the facts that the whereabouts of the Defendants, GERALD L. HARMAN and MARTIN B. HAYES, is unknown, that therefore service upon Defendants, GERALD L. HARMAN and MARTIN B. HAYES, of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, GERALD L. HARMAN and MARTIN B. HAYES, shall file their answer with the Court and serve a copy of their answer on LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 10th day of January, 1997.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted once each week for four weeks in the Crawford County Building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted at the above described parcel of land at a location visible from the nearest public road and access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

Date of Order: 11/15/96
HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY
Circuit Court Judge

-28-5-12-19

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No: 96-4023-CH(D)
TWO LAKES BUILDING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation, Plaintiffs
v
JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, Defendants.

LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123
Attorney for Plaintiff
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365

ORDER TO ANSWER
On the 10th day of October, 1996, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to quiet title against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Lot 455, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AUSABLE NO. 6, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, is unknown, that therefore service upon Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT

FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, CLIFFORD PETTIGREW, shall file their answer with the Court and serve a copy of their answer on LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 9th day of January, 1997. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

Date of Order: 11/14/96
HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS
(P-24472)
Circuit Court Judge

-5-12-19-26

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No: 96-4026-CH(M)
ALBERT L. GALLOWAY and MAXINE L. GALLOWAY, husband and wife, Plaintiffs
v
JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, MICHAEL J. AVERSA and NANCY A. AVERSA, Defendants.

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(517) 275-4365

ORDER TO ANSWER
On the 10th day of October, 1996, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to quiet title against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Lot 519 INDIAN GLENS OF THE AUSABLE NO. 6, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, MICHAEL J. AVERSA and NANCY A. AVERSA, is unknown, that therefore service upon Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, MICHAEL J. AVERSA and NANCY A. AVERSA, of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted once each week for four weeks in the Crawford County Building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted at the above described parcel of land at a location visible from the nearest public road and access.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

Date of Order: 11/14/96
HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY
Circuit Court Judge

-28-5-12-19

NOTICE BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

The Bear Lake Township treasurer's office hours for December at the township hall on M-72 West and E. Bear Lake Road, will be every Friday in December from 9 am to 5 pm, starting December 6.

Bear Lake Township dog licenses will also be available on the above dates.

Dee Ricky
Township Treasurer

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Meeting held on November 12, 1996

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golinick at 7:30 p.m.
II. Members Present: Stevens, Golinick, Moshier, Akers, Ruddy
Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, 4 Students, Dave Sabin, City Attorney, Wayne Winchester, Laura Schans.

III. 96-110
Moved by Akers, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 1996 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak.
a. Laura Schans addressed several concerns to Council.

1. Cross walk on corner at Framery dangerous because of timing on pedestrian cycle of stop lights.

2. Handicap parking at Glens is a problem with non-handicappers using same. She wants more policing of this practice.

3. Parking spaces on Peninsular where merchants park are having plowing problems. City Crew will look into the matter.

4. Zoning for downtown area where her store is located. She is looking to have a day care center there. Will set up a meeting with Jerry Morford who is the Zoning Administrator to go over the zoning qualifications and possible uses of said property.

V. Communications were received and noted.
a. September 1996 Police Report.

VI. Old Business.
a. Bid Opening on Surplus City Car. One bid was received for \$2,113.03 which did not meet the minimum bid of \$4,500.00.

96-111
Moved by Moshier, supported by Akers to keep the car on a trial basis, see if it will be worth keeping for city employees to use for daily trips and out of town meetings. Mr. Golinick was not

in favor of keeping the car. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Golinick), Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Executive Session with City Attorney to discuss Pending Litigation.

96-112
Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens to go into Executive Session with the City Attorney to discuss pending litigation at 7:55 p.m. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Stevens, Moshier, Golinick, Akers, Ruddy. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 8:32 p.m.
VIII. New Business.
a. Local Street Budget Amendment 1994-95 Fiscal Year.

96-113
Moved by Stevens, supported by Moshier to amend the 1994/95 local street expenditures budget to show an increase of \$16,000.00 to cover the deficit created by increase of street construction. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Regarding appointment of 1997-98 Legislative Co-Ordinator.

96-114
Moved by Stevens, supported by Golinick to re-appoint Jerry Morford as M.M.L. Legislative Co-Ordinator to serve during the 1997-98 legislative session. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. Request from Cornell Insurance to become our Blue Cross Agent of record.

96-115
Moved by Golinick, supported by Ruddy to table this matter for another meeting so additional information can be obtained from other insurance companies. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. Reports of City Manager
a. Notice in paper regarding On Street Parking for the winter.

b. Election information.

c. Update from Mark Wyckoff regarding City Master Plan.

IX. Reports of Council Members. None.

X. Adjournment.

96-116
Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No: 96-4024-CH(D)
TWO LAKES BUILDING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation, Plaintiffs
v
JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, Defendants.

LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123
Attorney for Plaintiff
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365

ORDER TO ANSWER
On the 10th day of October, 1996, an action was filed by Plaintiff, against Defendants in this court to pursue a judgment to quiet title against the Defendants concerning the following described real property:

Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Lot 677, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AUSABLE NO. 6, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

Upon consideration of the Complaint of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, is unknown, that therefore service upon Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, of the Summons and copy of the Complaint in this action cannot otherwise be effectuated, and it appearing to the Court that the Defendants can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, JAY GLADWIN, TRUSTEE UNDER A TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF JAY GLADWIN DATED JUNE 16, 1980, JAY GLADWIN AND SUSAN SCOTT GLADWIN, RICHARD T. DUHL and DONNA M. DUHL, shall file their answer with the Court and serve a copy of their answer on LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35, Roscommon, MI 48653, or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 9th day of January, 1997.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in Crawford County Avalanche.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within 14 days from the date of entry of this Order.

Date of Order: 11/14/96
HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS
(P-24472)
Circuit Court Judge

-5-12-19-26

STATE OF MICHIGAN CRAWFORD COUNTY PROBATE COURT PUBLICATION NOTICE

Case 96-000006-CZ
200 W. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
517/348-2841, ext. 236
PLAINTIFF
CAROLE METISH, Conservator for the minor child, NICOLE HATTIE MARIE HAWLEY
39949 Aynsley
Clinton Township, MI 48038

v.
Defendant
MICHAEL BECK
304 Spruce St.
Grayling, MI 49738
Plaintiff's Attorney
JOHN B. HUSS P15297
P.O. Box 948
Grayling, MI 49738 517/348-5431
TO: MICHAEL BECK
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to quiet title as to real estate. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before January 3, 1997. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Dated 11/19/96
Judge Honorable
FRANCIS L. WALSH P21943

-21-28-5

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting November 11, 1996

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Deputy Clerk Nelson. Board members present: McDonough, Mobarak and McGregor. Absent: Schultes and Harman. There were 8 guests present.

Minutes to the regular meeting of 10/14/96, Public Hearing and Special Meeting 10/14/96 and special meeting of 10/24/96 were accepted as presented.

Reports given by Treasurer, Firechief on Planning/Zoning. Clerks report stated Pledge Committee will be meeting for second time, the November 5th Election had 669 residents vote, the Park Beautification Committee now has 5 members, a Rabies Clinic can possibly be held in the Spring, we have a finalized Landfill Agreement and we have hired a new Transfer Site Attendant.

Seven pieces of correspondence were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Richmond family will have a survey done in regard to condemned property on Oak Road.

2. Tabled grass mowing bids.

3. Agreed to pay City Env. bill from summer cleanup "under protest."

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Three snow plowing bids were received. Motion by McGregor to hire Jerry Balmes for three years for snow plowing. Seconded and carried.

2. Tabled any action on private road signs.

3. Discussion on purchase of industrial vacuum for community center.

4. Motion by McDonough to pay AP bills. Seconded and carried.

5. Motion by Mobarak to transfer \$50 to the park fund. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Florence Nelson, Deputy Clerk.

Transcribed by Sharon Hartman, Clerk.

Invitations, Envelopes
Napkins, Tablecloth,
Thank-you Notes
Call for a Free A.S.A. Quote

FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: December 8 - 14, 1996

- ARIES** Allow your creativity to shine; decorate to your hearts content; spread the spirit.
- March 21-April 19**
- TAURUS** Talking out your frustrations will prevent a major blow-up; communicate with one who can help.
- April 20 - May 20**
- GEMINI** Give your career and your ego a boost by furthering your education. Look to the future in your selection of classes.
- May 21 - June 20**
- CANCER** Even though a major crisis may occur, you will be able to handle it--slow and steady as she goes.
- June 21 - July 22**
- LEO** You may want to sacrifice a little now, so that those who have far less than you may have a brighter holiday.
- July 23 - Aug 22**
- VIRGO** You will be recognized for your talents. Don't hide your light...let it shine!
- Aug 23 - Sept 22**
- LIBRA** Include your partner or mate in the decision making process when finalizing a major financial deal.
- Sept 23 - Oct 22**
- SCORPIO** Something unusual will cross your path; don't look at it as an albatross, but as a unique experience.
- Oct 23 - Nov 21**
- SAGITTARIUS** Be careful when traveling; slow down your normal pace and go with the flow. Take precautions.
- Nov 22 - Dec 21**
- CAPRICORN** The year is coming to an end and so are some of your problems. Let them go and don't look back.
- Dec 22 - Jan 19**
- AQUARIUS** You have reached at least one of your goals for this year. You still have time to finish another.
- Jan 20 - Feb 18**
- PISCES** Don't mistake a friendly gesture for one of romance. Cupid won't arrive on the scene until much later.
- Feb 19 - March 20**



THIS COCKER SPANIEL NEEDS A HOME — "Satch" is a five-year-old cocker spaniel. He is housebroken. If you would like to give him a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Remove ice, salt and caked mud from your pet's paws and coat at once. Contact your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your pet has frostbite. Frostbitten skin may turn reddish, white or gray, and it may be scaly or sloughing.

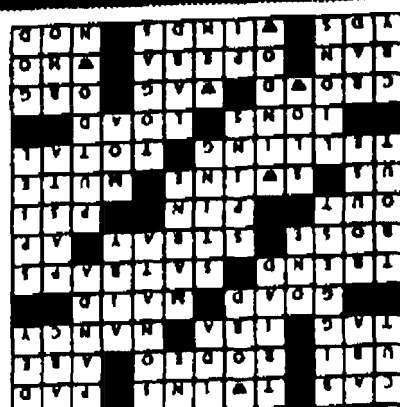
Cats and kittens often nap on warm car engines. Knock on the hood or honk the horn, then wait a few minutes before starting the car.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

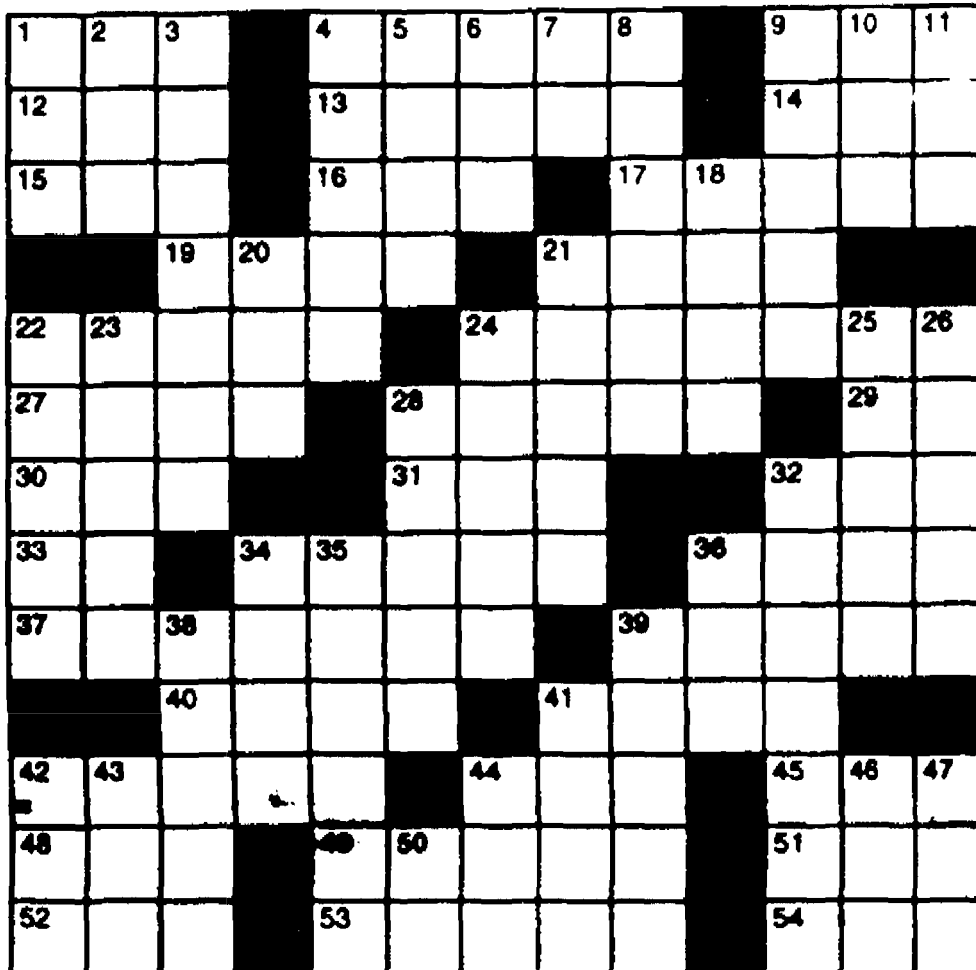
ACROSS

1. Taxi
4. Two of a kind
9. Overcharge
12. Tell's Canton
13. Western show
14. Exist
15. Label
16. Gershwin
17. Reagan's wife
19. Prod
21. Servant
22. Drift
24. Subordinate ruler
27. Flower
28. Wonder
29. News service, abbr.
30. Three strikes
31. Brooch
32. Greek letter
33. We
34. Pigs
36. Silent
37. Uttering
39. Sum
40. Charged particles
41. Cargo
42. Jam
44. Joker
45. Organization, abbr.
48. Hurried

49. Musical drama
51. Pronoun
52. Football measures, abbr.
53. Coils
54. Biblical land
- DOWN
1. Sever
2. Textile screw pine
3. Largest
4. Trio
5. Brief remark
6. Woman's name
7. Compass point
8. Musical composition
9. Bear-like animal
10. Curve
11. Ruler of Tunis
18. Vapory



20. Unit
21. French river
22. Edible fish
23. Stir
24. Insect bite
25. Italian dough
26. Song and dance
28. Rotates
32. Squelch, hyph.
34. Sluggish
35. Opening for light
36. Extinct bird
38. Beast kings
39. Roman garb, pl.
41. Pork fat
42. Weep
43. Energy unit
44. Cyst
46. Greek R
47. Deity
50. Greek letter



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago Dec. 6, 1973

According to R.J. Hannan, this week the MHSAA high school girl's basketball action will continue at the Grayling Middle School gym, as Mason County Central, Onaway, Kalkaska and Coleman play here in the regionals.

The City of Grayling Police Dept. plans to hire an additional patrolman bringing the departments strength to five men, three patrolmen and one parking enforcement officer. Requirements are: Mature adult, high school education, 5'10", 160 lbs., married and must be willing to live within the city limits. Chief Stephan indicated that with the addition of the third patrolman, the city will be able to offer city residents three eight hour patrols, replacing the present system of two eight hour patrols.

County Clerk Leo E. Lovely was the recipient of a Meritorious Award for outstanding community service from the passport office of the United States Dept. of State. The award was based on "unending service, past, present and future.

Otto Failing, 75, of Grayling died Tuesday morning at Mercy Hosp.

Power service was interrupted for a half hour Thursday night when a tanker truck turning the corner at M-72 West and I-75 Business Loop as it was making a sweeping right turn at the corner, struck a power pole.

Airman Michael J. Ruddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Ruddy has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

Get out your horn and wave your fan, for the joy of Norma Stephan; James Wallace Hodges is his name, and loving her his only game; a long tall Texan, that he is; bringing bliss that's hers and his. Wedding vows will be exchanged December 15.

Apparently the Ski Swap Day was so successful that one of the local teachers reports that his wife's new ski boots were accidentally sold for \$5.00. Chuck Mires is offering a reward to the person who purchased them for their return.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovee spent Thanksgiving weekend with their daughter, Miss Billie Bovee in Saugerties, New York.

John Deckrow is a patient at the Veteran's Hosp. in Saginaw, having gone there a week ago Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Lucksted, formerly of Grayling celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Georgia Knight of Grayling.

Mr. John Gregg and party of friends spent a weekend with his brother-in-law, Fred Schaibly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kinsman and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hartman were in Flint over the weekend.

46 Years Ago Dec. 7, 1950

A cantata entitled "Chimes of The Holly Night" will be given by the Grayling High School Glee Club of sixty voices. The cantata directed by Mrs. Roy O. Milnes, will take place in the High School Auditorium starting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Harold Cliff of Grayling has acquired controlling interest in and became the new president of the B-C-D-Company, Inc. of Grayling, it was announced.

The past presidents club of the Ladies National League met at the home of Mrs. Emma Knibbs on Thursday, Nov. 30. Mrs. Hattie Moshier won the mystery prize. The next meeting will be Tuesday evening, Jan. 9 at the home of Mrs. Russell Moshier.

Miss Myrtle Leverton of Dearborn spent Thanksgiving week with her mother Mrs. Maggie Leverton.

Tom and Bob Welsh attended a Ford meeting in Traverse City, Friday.

Clarence Robertson returned last week from Saginaw, where he had visited his sister, Mrs. Arthur Anderson over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Howard DeLaMater spent the holiday at his parental home. Mrs. Ben DeLaMater spent the time in Saginaw with her husband.

The office at Welsh Motor Sales is being enlarged.

Ernest Lozon is busy cutting Christmas trees.

Home Extension Group 3 met at the home of Mrs. Grant Thompson last Thursday. Mrs. Leo Jorgenson and Mrs. Carl Richardson assisted the hostess. Mrs. Fred Lamm gave the lesson on making wreaths and Mrs. Glen Fenton on making Christmas candles. The Christmas party will be at the home of Mrs. Harold Rasmussen on December 28.

Elmer Kellogg is employed in Gaylord.

69 Years Ago Dec. 8, 1927

More than 15,000 deer have been slain in Michigan during the 15 day season which closed Wednesday, Geo. R. Hogarth, acting director of the State Conservation Dept. said today. The number of hunters was estimated at 55,000 indicating that about one in four men "got his buck".

R. J. Peterson of Grayling, an experienced nurseryman and landscape gardener has decided to locate in Rogers City and will immediately commence building on a location he has secured on Third St.

Word has been received by friends of Chris Piehl of his marriage to Mrs. Florence Mooney of Gaylord. The ceremony took place Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Emil Giegling will direct the Woman's Club Christmas Cantata on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serven attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Green in Roscommon, Saturday.

Friday evening marked the first of the social affairs to be given by the Grayling High School Athletic Club, when they entertained the public with a supper dance at the high school gymnasium. The supper was largely attended and very much enjoyed, the meal being prepared by Mrs. Carl Englund. Following the supper Harold MacNeven's orchestra took their places and the floor was soon filled with a crowd of lively dancers. The affair was both a financial and social success.

Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and Mr. and Mrs. Howard O. Scarlett entertained a company of friends at the home of the latter in Detroit, Saturday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Laurant.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed on Nov. 27 by Rev. J. Wilfred Greenwood at the Methodist parsonage when Miss Wyoma Church of Breckenridge was united in marriage to James Hauley of Frederic.

Miss Edith Violet Austin was united in marriage to Arland Flore on Nov. 30th at Frederic, Rev. D. V. Earl officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin.

Mrs. Robert Reagan was hostess to her bridge club Sunday afternoon. Mrs. A. J. Joseph held the high score.

Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Bethard of Toledo are visiting in Grayling for a few days.

94 Years Ago Dec. 4, 1902

Miss Mary Welch of Detroit is visiting at the home of Mrs. John Nolan.

Four inches of wet snow fell Tuesday night making it look as though winter had reached us at last.


John Johnson has sold his farm in Beaver Creek to John Dupree of Bay City. He sold one last month to Megunire Dupree and Henry lives on

the next section the three brothers will be neighbors.


Wm. Pickett who has been a resident here for twenty years, has sold out and moved to Shepard.

There were 176 hunters licenses issued in Crawford County for the season of 1902.

Mrs. Thomas Nolan came home from Saginaw last Friday, glad to get back out of the six inches of snow and slush that she had to wade in, in that city.



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Mars Exit:
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You may know that the earth is the third planet from the sun and that Mars is the fourth. But it's not like they're right next to each other. Earth is about about 93 million miles from the sun, while Mars is about 141 million miles away. Because of this extra distance, it takes Mars 687 of our days to go around the sun. The Martian day is 24 hours, 37 minutes long. The temperature can be as cold as -199 degrees and as warm as 80 degrees. Mars is about half the size of earth.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Date | High | Low | Precip. | Snow on Ground | Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with highs in the low 30s. Thursday has a chance of snow showers with highs in the 30s and lows in the mid-teens. Friday's highs expected to be in the low 30s and lows in the mid-20s, with a chance of snow. Saturday there is a chance of snow with highs in the low 30s and lows in the mid-20s. |
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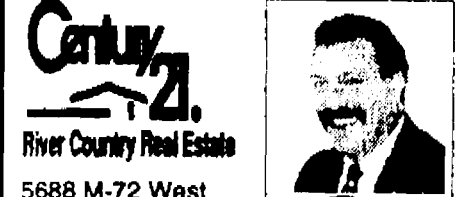


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5688 M-72 West, Grayling

Bob Pollack

1. Real Estate



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Well-maintained double wide. This home is as neat as a pin and includes a large deck on the front and an enclosed back porch. Offers a well-landscaped yard, three-car garage and a 12x12 storage shed. **REDUCED TO \$59,900.** #3861

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PIONEER LOG HOME with 296 ft. of frontage on South Branch of AuSable River, octagon great room, featuring vaulted T&G ceiling, center double-sided brick fireplace, three doorways overlooking river and trout pond. Three bedrooms, two baths, wrap-around patio, attached 20x34 workshop, pole barn 24x24 & 12x12. Dog kennel, fieldstone barbecue & landscaped. \$198,500. Price reduced to \$178,500, owner financing. Also available for rent. CH-346



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CHARMING LOG HOME Secluded setting close to Grayling. Adjoins state land on two sides. 1 1/2-story vaulted ceiling with loft, 1.48 acres at end of dead-end road. 960 sq. ft., two bedrooms, one bath. Just listed at \$53,000. CH-374



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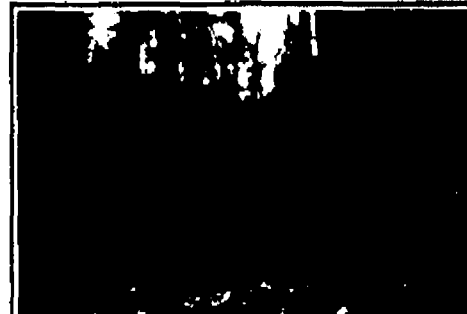
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PERFECT RETIREMENT OR STARTER HOME Very neat home on a double lot. This home offers an attached 2-car garage, two bedrooms, family room, storage building and most furnishings. Home is ready to move into! \$49,900. BSO-494



106 FEET OF FRONTAGE on a 24-acre lake west of Grayling. Built-over mobile, sleeps eight, full bath and furnished. Nestled among beautiful hardwood forest that adjoins state land \$33,000. KM-464



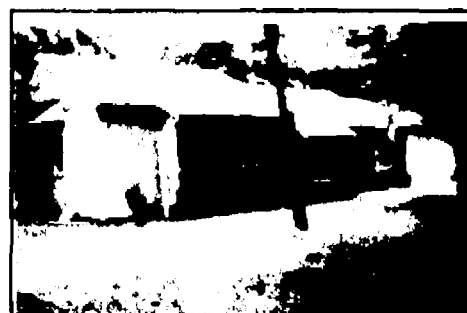
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BEAUTIFUL LOG HOME ON THE AUSABLE This beautiful log home offers 2,200 sq. ft., with three bedrooms, three bathrooms, great room floorplan, skylights, attached two-car garage, covered porch overlooking the river. All this and close to town. Possible terms! \$129,000. BSO-496



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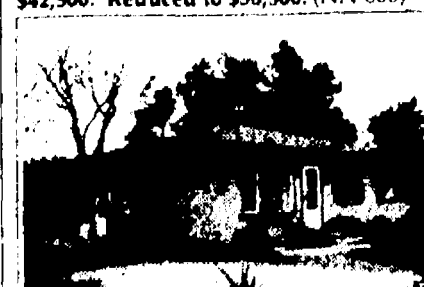
LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS HOME Three bedrooms, two baths, additional insulation, large storage shed, new roof and drainfield in 1993. \$42,500. Reduced to \$38,500. (NN-606)



NICE STARTER HOME/RENTAL UNIT on Alexia in Grayling. Two bedrooms, one bath and porch, deck and shed for storage. Mature trees on lot. \$22,500/cash, \$25,000 with L/C terms. (DM-31)



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GRAYLING MANOR Two- or three-bedroom home, one-car garage, new wooded lot, near high school. Natural gas, new siding, roofing, deck, storm doors, etc. Ready to move in. Includes stove and refrigerator. \$56,900. \$59,000. (LM-920)



CITY CONVENIENCE Three bedroom, two-bath home, like new condition. Natural gas hot water heat. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. Deck and parking slab, four ceiling fans. \$59,000. (LM-920)



AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM Three-level A-frame, four bedrooms, circular stairs, lower level great room, 20x34 w/brick wall fireplace and woodburner insert, 12' doorwall, garage w/half bath, a great view of river. \$125,000. (MC-479)



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Happy Birthday!
\$24 or 34?

8. Announcements

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10. Garage Sales

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